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Toronto Blue Jays third baseman Brett Lawrie leaps into the crowd to catch a foul ball hit by Seattle Mariners' Munenori Kawasaki during the 9th inning in Toronto on Sunday. The Jays closed out a weekend series with two wins over the Mariners. Story, page 28.

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This bites: Bedbugs expected to worsen

Infestation warning. Loss of funding will leave city unable to help those who cannot deal with pest control on their own: Report

The loss of $1.2 million in dedicated provincial funding for bedbug control is affecting Toronto's most vulnerable citizens, which in turn may increase the number of infestations across the city, a new Toronto Public Health report warns.

The one-time funding, announced in January 2011 by the Ministry of Health in a $5-million provincewide grant for local health units, expired on March 31.

Toronto Public Health had been using the money for on-the-ground responses to the pests, including extreme cleaning of infested homes and apartment units.

A staff report, to be tabled Monday at the Toronto Board of Health meeting, says the loss of dedicated provincial funding will "result in a significant reduction in service levels."

Tracy Leach, manager of healthy environments at the agency and leader of the dedicated bedbugs team, said she is "very concerned" about the funding loss and worries most about the vulnerable citizens who are unable to cope with infestations on their own.

The concern, she said, is that someone with an extreme bedbug infestation can become a source or "reservoir" case, which then spreads to surrounding apartments.

"The potential is great for increased infestation overall if we do not have the ability to investigate thoroughly and locate those reservoir cases," Leach said.

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Who will be helped?

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Using the funds, the bedbugs team was able to help 181 vulnerable people eliminate infestations between May 1, 2011, and March 31, 2012. Without the funds, they will be able to help only 30 people a year, the report says.

Say hello again to Mr. Kiss Kiss, Bang Bang

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Al-Qaida still dreaming of revenge: U.S. officials

Though focused on survival, the network wants payback for the death of bin Laden, officials warn PAGE 7

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Grieving father welcomes inquest into death of Michael Eligon

Inquest called. The mentally ill man was carrying two pairs of scissors when he was fatally shot by police

The father of Michael Eligon has spoken out for the first time about his son's death from a police bullet fired Feb. 3, saying he welcomes an inquest so "the truth will come out."

Michael Eligon Sr., who lives in the United States, said the family doesn't feel justice has been done.

"We are finding it very difficult to understand and to deal with Michael's death," Eligon Sr. said in a statement released Sunday by lawyer Peter Rosenthal.

Eligon Sr. has retained Rosenthal and Charles Roach of Roach Schwartz & Associates to represent the family at an inquest. No dates for that inquest have been announced.

"There does not appear to be any justification for Michael's death," the victim's father added.

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"As a family, we are committed to advocating for justice and preventing future unfortunate deaths."
Michael Eligon Sr.

"Michael was not a violent individual, and our family is deeply saddened by our tragic loss."

The 29-year-old father, who had been admitted to Toronto East General Hospital on a 72-hour mental health assessment, was shot in the middle of Milverton Boulevard wearing a hospital gown and carrying two pairs of scissors.

The hospital has conducted an internal review but has never explained publicly the circumstances that led up to Eligon wandering the East York neighbourhood.

The province's Special Investigations Unit found no criminal responsibility on behalf of the police officer, who was justified in using lethal force because he had reasonable grounds to fear for his life, the police watchdog agency said.

SIU director Ian Scott said that according to the officers, Eligon also said words to the effect that "one of you is going to die" before he was shot.

The police officer who fired three bullets, two of them missing, has never been publicly identified. The SIU never releases names of officers unless they are charged.

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Three killed in Whitby house fire

It took firefighters nearly three hours to quell the blaze that killed two young women and a man in a Whitby home early Sunday morning.

The Fire Marshal's office is investigating the cause of the fatal fire, and why the three victims were unable to escape from the one-and-a-half storey house at 917 Dundas St. W.

On Sunday evening, Savannah Chalmers, 12, shed tears in front of the house. She said her friend, Holly Towie, 17, was one of the young women who died in the blaze.

"(Towie) loved everybody and everybody loved her," said Chalmers, adding that Towie had been visiting the house.

A Facebook memorial page, called Rest in Peace, Holly Towie, was started Sunday. Kim McRury, who calls Towie her stepdaughter on the page, said she was too upset to talk when reached by phone Sunday afternoon.

Durham police did not release the victims' identities Sunday.

A 911 call was made from the house at about 12:30 a.m. Firefighters arrived on the scene five minutes after the alarm came in, as neighbours watched thick smoke billow from the doors and windows.

The home was split into two apartments and had a very tight space inside that "made it hard for firefighters to make their way around," said Whitby Fire Chief Michael Gerrard.

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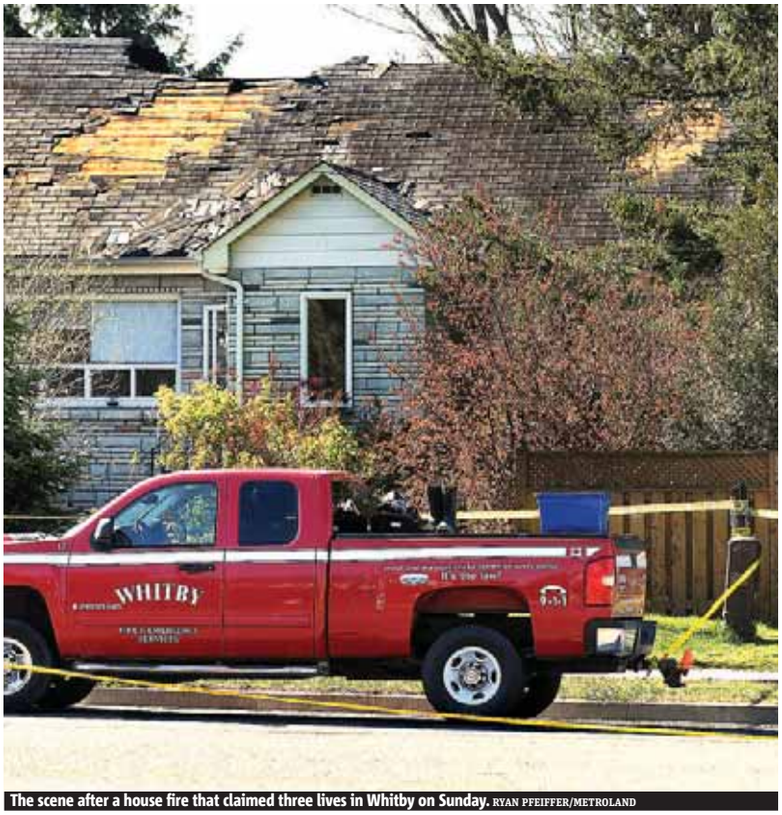
Investigation

Investigators will not be able to determine whether there was a smoke alarm in the house until the debris is examined.

- That will only happen after post-mortems are conducted Monday, said Bryan Fischer, a fire investigations supervisor with the Fire Marshal's office.
- "(The deaths) are a huge loss to the community and a huge blow to fire safety in Ontario," said Fischer.



The scene after a house fire that claimed three lives in Whitby on Sunday. RYAN PFEIFFER/METROLAND

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On the web

The ol' 180

A wayward dolphin that has spent three days in a narrow wetlands channel along the southern California coast was on its way out to the ocean Saturday when it suddenly turned tail and swam back to shallow waters. Watch at metronews.ca

50 Shades with Ellen

While hundreds of readers flocked to book signings and sold-out talks by Fifty Shades of Grey author E L James over the weekend, some are finding the novels hard to digest. Watch Ellen DeGeneres read the steamy novel at metronews.ca

Mobile news

Glimmers of hope are appearing in Haiti's devastated capital as hotels rise over a city still filled with displaced-persons camps housing hundreds of thousands. At least seven hotels are under development in Port-au-Prince and its surrounding areas, which could soon be filled with investors and tourists. Scan the code for the story.

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Waterloo Catholic school board to vote on gay-straight clubs

Anti-homophobia policy. Catholic schools struggle to support anti-bullying groups without violating church teachings on homosexuality

A Waterloo Catholic school trustee wants to let high-school students have gay-straight clubs that let them talk about gender identity and sexual attraction, topics deemed generally off-limits by new provincial Catholic-school guidelines.

Anthony Piscitelli has called on the Waterloo Catholic District School Board to "support the creation of gay-straight alliance clubs in our schools." And while he doesn't care what they're called, he believes they must let students discuss homosexuality and homophobia if they are to help make students feel safe.

Talk therapy

"Students need to be able to talk about this in a safe environment. These clubs help protect some of the most vulnerable students — students who can become depressed and commit suicide."
Anthony Piscitelli, trustee, Waterloo Catholic school board

What the Waterloo board decides when the motion comes up on Monday could have implications for Catholic schools across the province, including in Mississauga, where students at one high school fought for the right to form an anti-homophobia club, but lost their battle to call it a gay-straight alliance.

Waterloo is believed to be the first Catholic board to openly debate the limits placed on these clubs by a provincial committee of trustees, students, parents and bishops in a document called Respecting Difference, released in January.

It urges schools to let students start anti-bullying clubs, but specifies that gender identity and sexual attraction are not appropriate topics for students to discuss in a group.

"But there is so much research that shows (gay-straight alliances) reduce bullying and increase a sense of safety — and discussion is an important component of that," Piscitelli said. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Toronto's Sikh community ushers in the new year

Members of Toronto's Sikh community march with kirpans, or ceremonial daggers, on Sunday to mark the Sikh New Year. Some 75,000 people marched in the 27th annual Khalsa Day parade, which began at the CNE grounds and headed east on Lake Shore Boulevard, north on University and wrapped up at Nathan Phillips Square. TARA WALTON/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Family ties. Despite decline, city twinning still offers economic rewards

City twinning, the pseudo-formal process of declaring a sister city or a "friendship agreement" with a city in another country, is less common than it used to be, yet local municipalities still take time — and spend thousands of taxpayer dollars — to legitimize and maintain their relationships.

The Town of Richmond Hill on Thursday signed a letter of intent for "co-operation and exchange" with a delegation from Tianhe District, Guangzhou Municipality, an emerging financial centre in China.

The ceremony signalled that both parties are looking for opportunities to do business, Mayor Dave Barrow said.

"It's just mutual interest in each other and economic opportunities, cultural opportunities," Barrow said.

City twinning was more in vogue back when it was harder to make connections overseas. Canada has more than 30 city-twinning relationships with China alone, with the majority formed in the 1980s and '90s.

Toronto has four partner cities (Chicago, Chongqing, Milan and Frankfurt) and five friendship relationships (Quito, Sagamihara, Warsaw, Kyiv and Ho Chi Minh City).

The city had 44 friends at amalgamation, but had to narrow down the list to better use its resources, said Ron Wandel, the city's strategic alliances manager.

Toronto and its oldest friend, Chongqing, China (population: 33 million), have been partners for 26 years.

"It's a very important market for us. Chongqing is kind of our entryway into China," Wandel said. The city promotes exports and helps Toronto companies do business in countries unfamiliar to them, he said.

This year's budget for projects with these nine "international alliances" is about $55,000 — cut from last year.

"It's not a lot, but where we can we help build those ties," Wandel said.
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Bill Stewart

Fire chief hanging up his helmet

In Bill Stewart's early days of firefighting, crews wore thigh-high rubber boots, canvas coats and helmets. And that was it.

"Not much different than it was in 1900," said the Toronto Fire Services chief, who retires on Monday after 40 years of service.

Stewart talked about some of the changes in the service as he prepared to turn in his gumboots.

How have things changed since you joined the service?

Let me take you back. My dad was a firefighter for 40 years. When he joined the service in 1936, everything was natural materials, OK? Firefighters back then, they didn't wear masks because they didn't have masks. So they would go in, take a breath of fresh air, get in, get out. The carcinogens were still there, but not to the same degree they are today. Everything was solid. Let's roll the clock forward to today. We've got a point we call flashover. Flashover's when everything will ignite in a room and (flammable gases are released). Forty, 50 years ago, as late as 30 years ago, it was about 28 minutes to flashover. Today? Two and a half. It's everything that you and I buy — it's the synthetics, it's the resins, it's the plastics, it's the big-screen TV, it's our carpeting. Today, it burns hard and it burns faster than it did 30-odd years ago.

Any particular fires that stand out in your memory?

There's a number of them. I'll go back to '95, the 2 Forest Laneway highrise fire. Unfortunately, six people lost their lives. Smoke migration. They died in the stairwell and on the upper floors of the building. It started at 5:09:44 — that's stuck in my mind. Certainly the Wellesley Street fire that we had in September of 2010 at 5 o'clock in the afternoon, extremely hot and humid. Our crews did 50 rescues. People were trapped above the fire. If you had taken that fire and made it at 1 o'clock in the morning, there would have been loss of life there. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Retiring fire chief Bill Stewart. VINCE TALOTTA/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Sea Cadets commemorate the Battle of York on Sunday at Old Fort York. VINCE TALOTTA/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

War of 1812

Battle of York soldiers honoured

Members of the Royal Canadian Sea Cadet Corps participated in a ceremony at Fort York on Sunday that marked the 199th anniversary of the Battle of York. The skirmish took place on April 27, 1813, and saw the U.S. army and navy attack York, as Toronto was then known. The Americans subsequently burned down much of what is now the downtown core.
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Quebec tuition war

Student group says no to offer of tuition increase over seven years

One of Quebec's most powerful student groups has shot down Premier Jean Charest's revised offer on tuition fees.

The C.L.A.S.S.E. student federation voted against Charest's proposal to stretch the tuition increase over seven years instead of five.

Two other student groups are still debating.

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Transparency?

Mulcair will push to lift Harper's secrecy veil

NDP Leader Tom Mulcair is working to lift the shroud of secrecy he believes has spread over Ottawa under the Harper government.

In keeping public information under wraps, the Conservatives are unmatched, he says.

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Too big for coyotes?

Wolves may be back in N.L. and New Brunswick

The sightings of two suspected wolves in Atlantic Canada in recent weeks has experts wondering why the animals may be in a region where they have not been seen for decades.

An 82-pound canine was shot in Newfoundland in early March. At the beginning of April, a 90-pound animal was shot in New Brunswick. The province's Natural Resources Department took samples for DNA testing.

Biologists believe wolves were hunted to extinction in New Brunswick by 1860.

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Hang-gliding death

Detached from her harness

The RCMP is investigating after a woman, 27, fell to her death from a hang glider in B.C.'s Fraser Valley.

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Judges to weigh in on jury selection in aboriginal cases

Ontario Court of Appeal case. No on-reserve First Nations people were on the juries that convicted two aboriginal men appealing their cases

The makeup of juries in Ontario goes on trial this week as two convicted killers fight their guilty verdicts in a case that goes to the heart of the justice system.

At issue before the province's top court is whether the aboriginal men were treated shabbily because on-reserve First Nations people were excluded from the juries that convicted them.

"Our society has proven to be very efficient at charging First Nations and jailing First Nations," said defence lawyer Julian Falconer.

"We don't seem so good at constructively involving First Nations in the justice system, such as their participation in the jury system," he said.

Last summer, the Ontario Court of Appeal upheld a manslaughter conviction against Clifford Kokopenace as reasonable.

However, in an unusual twist, the court put the ruling on hold in light of the constitutional challenge sparked by the jury-representation issue.

A non-aboriginal jury in Kenora, Ont., convicted Kokopenace in 2008 of stabbing a friend to death.

Also involved in the Court of Appeal hearing is Clare Spiers. He was convicted of first-degree murder in 2007 in Barrie for kidnapping a woman and slitting her throat. No on-reserve residents were among the people offered for his jury.

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High stakes

A Court of Appeal decision in the appellants' favour would have implications for how the Ministry of the Attorney General selects potential jurors. It might also offer grounds for similar court challenges.

- **For its part, the Ontario government argues an accused has no "absolute right" to a representative jury.**
- **Ontario also argues that justice officials did their best to ensure representative juries but were stymied by privacy legislation and lack of co-operation by First Nation leaders.**

Canadian on death row

Inmate to plead for life at hearing

The lone Canadian on death row in the United States is expected to make a plea for his life at his clemency hearing in Montana this week.

Ronald Smith, 54, has been on death row since 1982 after he and an accomplice, both high on drugs, marched Thomas Running Rabbit and Harvey Mad Man Jr. into the woods and shot both of them in the head.

It was a cold-blooded crime. They wanted to steal the men's car, but Smith also said he wanted to know what it was like to kill someone.

His is the final name on the list of 16 witnesses put forward by his attorneys for the two-day clemency hearing before the Montana Board of Pardons and Parole beginning Wednesday.

The hearing is being held near the penitentiary where Smith has spent the last three decades.

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Tamils caught in limbo — waiting in Bangkok

All wars cause collateral damage.

Vashni is collateral damage in Canada's war on human smugglers.

The soft-spoken Tamil woman in her 30s lives one step ahead of the law in Thailand and longs to be reunited with her elderly parents in Toronto.

But she would never consider resorting to using one of the notorious smugglers who operate out of Bangkok to make that happen.

"I don't want to take that risk to myself," she explains.

Vashni, whose identity is not being revealed to protect her safety, exists in stateless limbo.

She and hundreds of other Sri Lankan Tamils are languishing in a shadowy netherworld within this teeming south Asian metropolis.

For the last two years, she's struggled to stay one step ahead of a Thai government that considers her an illegal migrant.

If she's sent back to her native Sri Lanka, she faces torture, imprisonment and perhaps death.

Vashni has been swept up by the bitter aftermath of her homeland's 26-year civil war that ended three years ago with the Singhalese majority crushing Tamil separatists. In the 1990s, she was conscripted — against her will she maintains —into the rebel Tamil Tigers, a group Canada considers terrorists.

She and hundreds of her fellow Sri Lankan Tamil migrants here in Thailand have also been swept up in another Canadian-led battle: the major international law enforcement offensive targeting Thailand-based human trafficking crime rings.

Canada launched the ambitious international effort to prevent smugglers from reaching our shores.

In 2009, the MV Ocean Lady brought 76 Tamil migrants to British Columbia, and the MV Sun Sea brought 492 a year later.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper gave Thailand another $12 million to combat the smugglers during a visit last month and his government introduced a tough new immigration bill that targets the gangs.

The much-touted legislation passed in the House of Commons on Friday and now goes to the Senate.

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Vashni, whose identity cannot be revealed to protect her safety, seen in Bangkok recently. PAUL CHIASSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

An 'illegal migrant'

Thailand doesn't recognize international refugee law, it considers people like Vashni to be illegal migrants.

They must apply to the UN for refugee status. If successful, they wait for a third country to grant them residency.

The co-ordinated policing and political effort involving Canadians, Thais, Australians and others across the globe appears to have prevented another Ocean Lady or Sun Sea from reaching Canada's west coast. Earlier this month, a Sri Lankan ringleader of a smuggling network was arrested.

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Weakened al-Qaida still dreaming of U.S. attack a year after leader's death

Bin Laden. U.S. citizens in Pakistan and beyond are being warned to be vigilant ahead of May 2 anniversary

A year after the U.S. raid that killed Osama bin Laden, al-Qaida is hobbled and hunted, too busy surviving for the moment to carry out another 9-11-style attack on U.S. soil.

But the terrorist network dreams still of payback, and U.S. counterterrorist officials warn that, in time, its offshoots may deliver.

A decade of wars in Iraq and Afghanistan that has cost the U.S. about $1.28 trillion and 6,300 U.S. troops' lives has forced al-Qaida's affiliates to regroup, from Yemen to Iraq.

Bin Laden's No. 2, Ayman al-Zawahri, is thought to be hiding, out of U.S. reach, in Pakistan's mountains, just as bin Laden was for so many years.

"It's wishful thinking to say al-Qaida is on the brink of defeat," says Seth Jones, a Rand analyst and adviser to U.S. special operations forces. "They have increased global presence, the number of attacks by affiliates has risen, and in some places like Yemen, they've expanded control of territory."

U.S. officials say bin Laden's old team is all but dismantled. But they say new branches are hitting Western targets and U.S. allies overseas, and still aspire to match their parent organization's milestone of Sept. 11.

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Terrorism

U.S. counterterrorist forces have killed roughly half of al-Qaida's top 20 leaders since the raid that killed bin Laden.

- That includes U.S.-born cleric Anwar al-Awlaki, killed by a drone in Yemen last September, less than six months after bin Laden's death.
- Only a few of the original al-Qaida team remain, and most of the new names on the U.S. target lists are relative unknowns, officials say.

Re-building New York City's skyline

One World Trade Center towers above the Lower Manhattan skyline and Hudson River in New York in this March 26 file photo. One World Trade Center, the giant monolith being built to replace the twin towers destroyed in the Sept. 11 attacks, will lay claim to the title of New York City's tallest skyscraper on Monday as workers erect steel columns that will make its unfinished skeleton a little over 1,250 feet. The so-called Freedom Tower isn't expected to reach its full height for at least another year, at which point it is likely to be declared the tallest building in the U.S. MARK LENNIHAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Nigeria

Gunmen kill 16 worshippers

Gunmen attacked church services on a university campus Sunday in northern Nigeria, using small explosives to draw out and gun down panicking worshippers in an assault that killed at least 16 people, officials said.

The attackers targeted an old section of Bayero University's campus where religious groups use a theatre and other areas to hold worship services, Kano state police spokesman Ibrahim Idris said.

The assault left many others seriously wounded. No group immediately claimed responsibility. However, Idris said the attackers used small explosives packed inside of aluminum pop cans for the assault, a method previously used by a radical Islamist sect known as Boko Haram.

After the attack, police and soldiers cordoned off the campus as gunfire echoed in the surrounding streets. Soldiers also turned away journalists from the university.

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Boko Haram

The Islamist sect is waging a sectarian battle with Nigeria's central government.

- The sect has been blamed for killing more than 450 people this year alone, including Christians, Muslims and government officials.

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Human rights activism.
China seeing red over blind dissident's escape

The surprising escape of a blind legal activist from house arrest to the presumed custody of U.S. diplomats is buoying China's embattled dissident community even as the government lashes out, detaining those who helped him and squelching mention of his name on the Internet.

The flight of Chen Guangcheng, a campaigner for disabled rights and against coercive family planning, is a challenge for China's authoritarian government and, if it's confirmed he is in U.S. custody, for Washington too. Assistant Secretary of State Kurt Campbell began a hurried mission to Beijing on Sunday to smooth the way for annual talks involving his boss, Hillary Clinton, Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner and scores of officials.

Though Chen — a self-taught legal activist described by friends and supporters as calm and charismatic — hardly seems a threat, security forces and officials have reacted angrily, detaining several of his supporters, and a nephew who fought with officials after the escape was discovered is on the run.

Blind legal activist Chen Guangcheng
BOXUN.COM FILE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Police showed up at the home of veteran activists Zeng Jinyan and Hu Jia, who met with Chen last week while he was hiding in Beijing. Police took Hu away Saturday for 24 hours. They questioned Zeng for about a half-hour at home, sounding, she said, "very unhappy" about Chen's flight.

"They were really irritated," Zeng said. "It was a big shock for them."

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Tymoshenko. Leaders pushed to shun Euro soccer games in Ukraine

A German minister is urging Europe's top government officials to boycott the Euro2012 soccer championship matches in Ukraine to protest the detention of the country's former prime minister Yulia Tymoshenko.

Environment minister Norbert Roettgen told German tabloid Bild's edition, dated Monday, that it must be ensured that Ukraine — which he labeled a "dictatorship" — cannot use the soccer championship in June to prop up its image without reforming.

Bild quoted Roettgen as saying that he thinks "visits by ministers or prime ministers are beyond question under the current circumstances."

Roettgen's remarks were confirmed to The Associated Press on Sunday by his spokeswoman Julika Lendvai. They were the first call by a top European government minister on leaders to abstain from attending the matches.

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Activist held over anti-Putin prayer

Divine deliverance.
Putin opponents barred from praying against Russian leader

An opposition activist was detained and beaten Sunday after he tried to enter Moscow's landmark Christ the Savior Cathedral to pray to deliver Russia from Vladimir Putin.

Several riot police officers forced Roman Dobrokhotov into a police car just metres from Russia's largest church, widely seen as a symbol of resurgent Orthodox Christianity after seven decades of atheist Communist rule. Dobrokhotov, who leads a small anti-Kremlin youth movement, heckled President Dmitry Medvedev during his speech in the Kremlin in 2008.

Another activist, Mariya Baronova, of the Resistance anti-Kremlin group, entered the cathedral, but was cornered by a group of Orthodox priests and men who tried to escort her out.

A dozen activists from the militant Union of Orthodox Banner Bearers group lined up in front of the cathedral, shouting obscenities at Dobrokhotov and Baronova. The group is known for dispersing gay rallies, and for protesting against pop star Madonna's shows in Russia and burning Harry Potter books.

Hours later, when Dobrokhotov was leaving a police station where he was held, seven men assaulted him, damaging his ear, he said.

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Blasphemy and orthodoxy

The anti-Putin prayer followed a February prank by a feminist punk rock band.

- Three members of the Pussy Riot band face up to seven years in jail for their February anti-Putin prayer at the cathedral.
- Their treatment provoked a public outcry and contributed to growing criticism of the church, a powerful institution with close ties to the Kremlin.
- Russian Patriarch Kirill has described the punk performance as blasphemous, and part of a broader attack on the church.
- The patriarch has joined the Kremlin in portraying the recent wave of protests against Putin as a threat to Russian statehood.

Police officers detain an opposition activist near the Christ the Saviour Cathedral in Moscow on Sunday. SERGEY PONOMAREV/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Need a bigger place? There's a whole town for sale in Georgia

A developer in south Georgia is looking for someone to buy a small town.

Toomsboro, a small community with about 700 residents, has one convenience store, a florist, a custom cabinet shop and a post office. The Coastal Courier reports that developer David Bumgardner, who owns many of the properties in town, is putting them on the market. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Political activism

UAE targets critics of nation's rulers

Security agents detained a rights activist Sunday in the northern United Arab Emirates as part of an apparent widening crackdown on perceived opposition figures, a family member and a watchdog group said.

The detention is the second in less than a week in the emirate of Ras al-Khaimah and reflects stepped up pressures by UAE authorities on Islamist groups, social media activists and others considered to be potential foes of ruling clans. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A gated residential flat in Bow, east London, where the British military is considering stationing surface-to-air missiles on rooftops throughout the 2012 Olympic Games. SANG TAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Missiles coming to rooftops, London residents warned

Olympics. Weapons part of multilayered air security plan to protect skies over London, military tells residents

Surface-to-air missiles could be stationed on the rooftops of an apartment block in east London as part of Britain's air defences for the Olympics, the country's military confirmed Sunday.

Around 700 people living at the building in Bow — about 3.2 kilometres from London's Olympic Stadium — have been contacted and warned that the weapons and about 10 troops are likely to be based at the site for around two months.

In a leaflet sent to residents, the ministry said the venue offered an uncluttered "view of the surrounding areas and the entire sky above the Olympic park."

Troops plan to conduct tests next week at the building, an upmarket gated apartment complex, to determine if the high velocity surface-to-air missiles will be stationed on a water tower attached to the site's roof.

Britain has previously confirmed that up to 13,500 troops are being deployed on land, at sea and in the air to help protect the Olympics alongside police and security guards.

Defence Secretary Philip Hammond has said Typhoon fighter jets, helicopters, two warships and bomb disposal experts will also be on duty as part of the security operation.

"Based on military advice we have identified a number of sites and, alongside colleagues from the Metropolitan Police, are talking to local authorities and relevant landowners to help minimize the impact of any temporary deployments." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Security measures

"Based on military advice we have identified a number of sites."

British Defence Secretary Philip Hammond
One of the proposed missile bases is in Bow, a residential district of East London.

Pakistan

British captive found, throat slit

The body of a British Red Cross worker held captive in Pakistan since January was found in an orchard Sunday, his throat slit and a note attached to his body saying he was killed because no ransom was paid, police said.

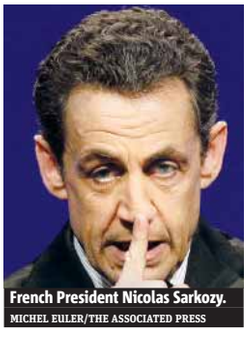
Khalil Rasjed Dale, 60, was managing a health program in the city of Quetta in southwestern Pakistan when armed men seized him from a street close to his office. The identities of his captors are unknown but the region is home to separatist and Islamist militants. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Campaign. Sarkozy denies Gadhafi offered funding

French President Nicolas Sarkozy fiercely denied Sunday that he was offered campaign funding from late Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi, as new challenges piled up against him a week ahead of the country's presidential runoff.

Sarkozy also rebuffed leftist critics who compared his campaign rhetoric to that of France's Nazi collaborators, reviving ugly wartime memories in what has been a particularly bitter presidential race.

Polls predict Sarkozy will lose the May 6 runoff to Socialist François Hollande, who promises government-funded jobs programs and higher taxes on the rich — pledges that resonate with a recession-weary electorate. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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DNC List. Telemarketing firms to pay costs of violation investigations

Telemarketers will soon be asked to pony up for the costs of investigating their own industry.

The Conservatives are announcing that they will transfer the costs of probes and enforcement of the Do Not Call List to the industry itself.

The industry already pays for administering the Do Not Call List, which includes about 10.6 million registered phone and fax numbers.

"The government's taking steps to make sure it's sustainable in the long term and will not be funded by the taxpayers, but is instead funded by the telemarketers," said Mike Lake, parliamentary secretary to the Industry minister.

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Countering calls

- The CRTC will consult with the telemarketing companies this fall on how fees will be levied.
- It has imposed more than $2.1 million in fines over three years to firms that violated the rules.
- A recent survey suggested 78 per cent of Canadians on the DNC list felt they were getting fewer calls.

SNC-Lavalin. Former executive arrested

A former executive of Canadian engineering giant SNC-Lavalin has been arrested in Switzerland.

A spokeswoman for the Swiss government says Riadh Ben Aissa is accused of fraud and corruption.

Jacqueline Buhlman says in an email to The Canadian Press that the allegations are in connection with alleged business dealings in northern Africa, but won't comment further.

Aissa was the executive vice-president of construction, but parted ways with the company earlier this year along with another SNC executive.

The departures coincided with the results of an internal company investigation into $35 million of payments that SNC said breached its code of ethics.

Aissa's Montreal lawyer was not immediately available for comment on his client's arrest.

SNC has been the subject of two RCMP raids on its offices in the past seven months as the Mounties looked for evidence on the mysterious payments.

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Facebook's co-founder back in the startup game

Dustin Moskovitz, co-founder of the collaborative software company Asana, outside his office in San Francisco. ERIC RISBER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tech trends. Having seen his code change the world once before, Dustin Moskovitz aims high again with new software company

Facebook co-founder and former Mark Zuckerberg roommate Dustin Moskovitz is by many accounts the world's youngest self-made billionaire. But the 27-year-old isn't sipping champagne in the Caribbean.

Instead, he's thrown himself back into San Francisco's startup mix, even as Facebook's looming IPO seems likely to send his wealth spiraling even higher.

Moskovitz and his friend Justin Rosenstein, a former Facebooker himself worth $150 million, head a company called Asana, which just launched the first paid version of its online project management service.

During a recent interview at their inconspicuous Mission District offices, the pair said they come to work every day because, their fortunes already made, they still have to do something with their lives.

"When we think of work, we think of work as an act of service, as an act of love for humanity," said Rosenstein, 28.

In keeping with the recent startup trend of shunning hierarchies, the pair do not have separate offices, but sit among the other employees at Asana, which number 24 in all.

Whether Asana's world-changing potential exceeds that of competitors in the crowded project and task management software marketplace remains to be seen. Like other similar products, their software lets users set up Web-based to-do lists that any group focused on a common goal can use to assign jobs and keep track of what gets done.

Several marquee tech companies have embraced Asana, the company reports, such as Twitter, LinkedIn and Foursquare. Individual backers betting on Asana include venture-capital celebrities like Peter Thiel and Mark Andreessen, as well as several of Facebook's earliest employees.

To hear Moskovitz tell it, the choice of coming to the office doesn't come at the expense of some wished-for life of luxury: "We're fortunate not to have things that would distract us from being able to act."

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Work ethic

"If we were just retired, we wouldn't be serving anyone."

Dustin Moskovitz, Facebook co-founder and head of Asana, a new project-management startup

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Yahoo. Ex-CEO received $16.4 million

Former Yahoo CEO Carol Bartz received a compensation package valued at $16.4 million US in her final year on the job, including a $3 million severance payment after the troubled Internet company abruptly fired her last September.

Bartz, now 63, stands to make even more from the nearly 386,000 shares of restricted stock and nearly 416,000 stock options that vested upon her ouster, according to a Friday regulatory filing from Yahoo Inc. Options and awards she got earlier in the year tallied at $12 million.

She also could still reap a windfall from 5 million stock options that she received when the company hired her in January 2009.

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Former Yahoo CEO Carol Bartz
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Vague sales figures put smartphone crown in dispute

Smartphones are the hottest gadgets in the world. But who's the biggest smartphone maker? We don't really know.

Samsung, Apple's chief competitor, gives only vague indications of how many it makes, which means industry watchers come up with widely diverging estimates. Apple reports its iPhone sales down to the thousands. In the January to March period, it shipped 35,0654,000. South Korea's Samsung Electronics Co. may have sold 32 million, 37.5 million or 44.5 million, depending which analyst you believe. The company itself refuses to say.

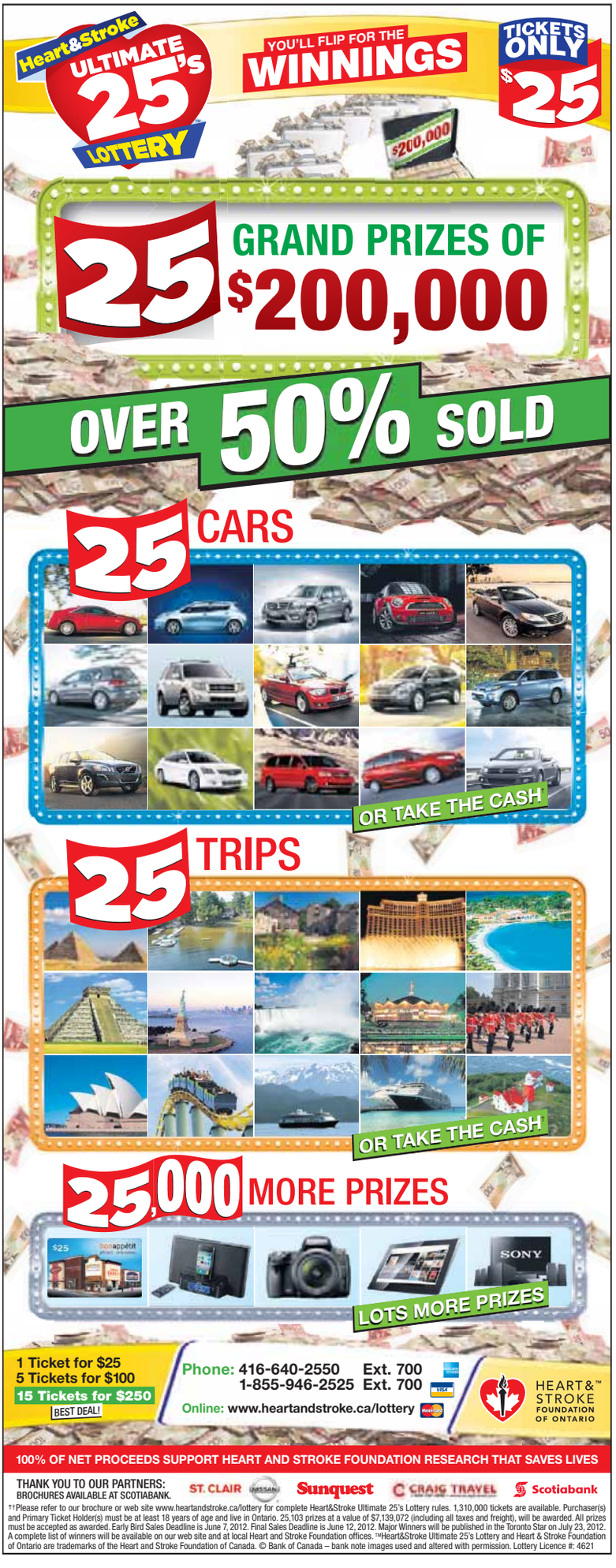
More accurate sales figures from Samsung would also be useful to competitors and to partners like wireless carriers and retailers.

When it reported first-quarter results Friday morning, Samsung said only that overall phone shipments were down more than 10 per cent from the fourth quarter, and that smartphone sales were about the same percentage of the company's overall sales as they have been before.

An industry affiliate tries out the Samsung Galaxy Note at the 2012 International CES tradeshow in Las Vegas. JULIE JACOBSON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The problem is that Samsung hasn't reported any hard sales figures in a long time, so analysts are applying these vague hints to their own estimates, which in turn are based on vague hints from previous quarters.

There's even a debate about what Samsung's few guideposts really mean. Jan Dawson, an analyst at Ovum, says the analyst community is split over the interpretation of Samsung's reported "300 per cent" increase in smartphone sales in the third quarter of 2011, over the third quarter of 2010. Analysts and reporters haven't been able to get Samsung to clarify the issue. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS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ALL COLOURS REPRESENTED IN FLAG TWIRLING

URBAN COMPASS
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It's Saturday afternoon in the sun-dappled gymnasium of Church Street Junior Public School, and Doug Cann is leading the Righteously Outrageous Twirling Corps (ROTC) through their weekly practice.

He tosses a yellow silk flag into the air, and it rotates twice before shimmering smoothly into his waiting hands.

"See how high the pole went? I wasn't trying to hit the ceiling, because you've got to catch it on three," says Cann, 53. "Now you try, and remember — have fun with it!"

He hits play on a stereo, and suddenly the gym comes alive as eight twirlers begin spinning and tossing flags and rifles to the pumping beat of Michael Jackson's Thriller.

If you've ever been to Toronto's annual Pride Parade, you've likely seen the ROTC in action.

They're a precision colour guard based in Toronto's LGBT community, though membership is open to anyone with an LGBT-friendly attitude.

On performing

"Pride was the most amazing feeling."

Jehn Dropko
Colour guard member

"It's great exercise," says Dave Lockie, who has been a member since day one, 18 years ago. Today, there are about a dozen performers, but the group has had as many as 25 and they're always looking for new recruits.

The art of colour guard has its origins in military marching bands and drum corps, but has evolved over the years into a form of dance entertainment in which performers spin and toss flags, rifles or sabres in complex choreographies.

"Some members come from a marching band past, but we also get a lot of total newbies," says Lockie.

Cann, who has been teaching colour guard for 32 years, counts out the beats while the team executes their moves — drop spins, parallel tosses, speed spins and single tosses — all while weaving in formation, their twirling flags within inches of one another.

Though they perform at parades year-round, their marquee event is the Toronto Pride Parade, where they'll march and twirl for more than two consecutive hours in front of an audience of 1.2 million people.

"Pride was the most amazing feeling," says Jehn Dropko.

She's been in colour guard since high school, but only joined the ROTC last year and was blown away by her experience at last year's parade. "It took two hours but it honestly felt like five minutes. I've been doing this for a long time, and it was the most incredible response I've ever experienced."

Anyone interested in joining the ROTC can call 416-462-5901 or visit rotctoronto.com.

Toronto's Righteously Outrageous Twirling Corps practice their routine for this year's Pride Parade. LIA GRAINGER/METRO

First year of marriage a '10 out of 10'

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Royal

Britain's sweethearts still adored worldwide

It's been a year since they declared their love for each other in the most anticipated wedding of the decade, but 12 months haven't been enough to quell the public passion for the newest royal couple.

Prince William and Kate spent their first year as newlyweds under the sort of global spotlight usually reserved for Hollywood a-listers.

The couple retreated from the spotlight after their nuptials, only to re-emerge with greater star power than ever on their first visit abroad. The newlyweds' nine-day, whirlwind tour of Canada, observers say, showed the couple off at their best.

Their more informal attitudes set the tone for the trip as they freely mingled with rapturous crowds, participated in Canadian sports such as street hockey and faced off against one another in a dragon boat race. Kate's now legendary fashion sense was also on full display as she modeled outfits from homegrown designers and even donned the national colours in honour of Canada Day.

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Anniversary

"They've covered all the bases. They've had an international trip, they've had local visits, work with charitable causes. They've engaged in their work roles admirably. I think you could really give them a 10 out of 10 when it comes to their performance over the first year."

Rafal Heydel-Mankoo
Royal commentator

Observers say:

- Much of Kate's behaviour is the result of lessons learned in the aftermath of previous broken royal marriages.
- William's mother, Diana, and former aunt, Sarah Ferguson, both complained about feeling isolated and overwhelmed in their first years of marriage to royalty. Kate has received extensive coaching on maintaining a balance between public and private responsibilities.

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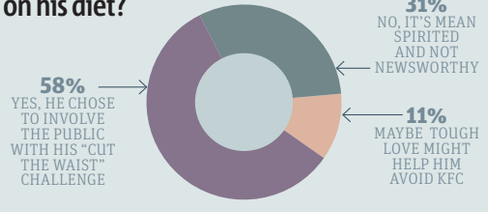
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Daniel Craig stars in Skyfall. HANDOUT

Get ready for more Bond

007 is back. Metro talks to the film's producer and star in the first of a three-part series on the upcoming Bond flick

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"Not bad for a physical wreck, James," the villain taunts, as Her Majesty's finest spy rains Walther PPK bullets at him. "You should see my latest toy," he laughs, and an explosion tears through the subway station.

Welcome to Skyfall, Bond 23. At Pinewood Studios in leafy Buckinghamshire, shooting is nearly complete on the latest edition of cinema's longest-running franchise, 50 years after Dr. No introduced us to Mr. Kiss Kiss Bang Bang.

There is a sense of relief on set as, four years after Quantum of Solace, a troubled production nears a happy ending. Studio MGM's bankruptcy delayed filming for a year, an anxious wait for the cast and crew.

"It was driving us crazy," says producer Barbara Broccolli. "It would have been very disappointing not to have a film in our anniversary year. We just kept being focused and kept working."

Eventually the financial problems were resolved by a partnership with Sony, and now that the light of Skyfall's November release is in sight, James Bond himself — Daniel Craig — is feeling confident. "This sets a new benchmark," the 44-year-old said. "The talent that we managed to pool in this movie is just phenomenal."

The delay allowed time for an A-list cast to be recruited on both sides of the camera. American Beauty Oscar-winner Sam Mendes directs, with Javier Bardem and Ralph Fiennes among the new stars.

Despite the injection of heavyweight talent, Craig says fans of the all-action series need not worry the movie will be too serious. "Sam's a boy. He likes to blow shit up." Pyrotechnic sequences to watch out for include a subway train destroying an underground set and a gunfight in a hall of mirrors.

Plot details have been highly classified, but Sony has revealed that MI6 comes under attack, and that Judi Dench's M is somehow responsible.

Bardem plays the criminal mastermind Raoul Silva who leads the assault on Bond and the secret service. Advance shots reveal the targets include Bond's home — Skyfall lodge, seen for the first time in the series' history.

Typically exotic locations include Istanbul and Shanghai, and 007 will have his hands full keeping three stunning Bond girls happy. British singer Adele is likely to perform the theme song. "It would be great if she would do it," Broccolli said.

Leading ladies

Pick up tomorrow's Metro to find out what happened to some of our favourite Bond Girls from the past and we'll introduce you to 007's newest lady. Go online to metronews.ca/features for our complete look at 50 years of James Bond movies.

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SCENE

Scene in brief

Avengers living up to the buzz

The superhero saga The Avengers is living up to its blockbuster buzz with $178.4 million in overseas ticket sales days before it opens in U.S. theatres.

Domestic audiences seem to be in anticipation mode for the movie, which debuts Friday in the United States after launching in 39 other countries a week earlier.

Fans generally passed on a bunch of new flicks, leaving the ensemble comedy Think Like a Man at No. 1 domestically for the second-straight weekend with $18 million.

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On the web

Glee star Chris Colfer writes his ticket in Hollywood with films, books and a Disney pilot

M. Ward records first solo album in three years

M. Ward poses for a photo during the SXSW Music Festival in Austin on March 13. JACK PLUNKETT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A Wasteland Companion. Musician takes a different approach on his latest album, mixing live and studio recordings

For much of his career, M. Ward has recorded his solo albums pretty much the same way. So when it came time to make A Wasteland Companion, his first solo album in three years, he wanted to do something very different.

The recording sessions took the 38-year-old on a musical journey of sorts. He recorded in eight studios in places like Austin, Omaha, New York City and Bristol, England, and each new place brought him in contact with a new list of players, including long-time influences like former Sonic Youth drummer Steve Shelley and British producer John Parish.

"Everyone has their own ways of making what they do for a living exciting, ways of keeping it alive," Ward said. And for me, it's collaborations with really talented people."

Musical partnerships are nothing new for Ward. He and actress Zooey Deschanel have put out three albums as the duo She & Him and he's also a member of the Monsters of Folk project with Jim James and Conor Oberst.

Did your busy schedule require you to record on the road?

Ward: Over the last 10 years I've (been invited) to these incredible studios all over Europe and America and I never have time to actually do it. So this was the record where I actually made the time to make that happen and just removed my security blanket of recording in the same room all the time.

I loved the process and I hope to make more records like this. I wanted to make a new kind of record that combines live record with studio record out of an experiment ... So it's a new kind of record, really. I plan to make a lot more records like this, when I do make more records.

Is there any question you'd make more?

Ward: I would assume there would be more, but whenever you make a record you just never know. The world's going to end, right? Who knows?

Do you find it hard to make time for your own projects. Are you jealously guarding your solo time?

Ward: No, because I've been writing songs since I was 15, so half my life really. With She & Him, that's a really big part of my time and my life. But Zooey writes the songs for that and we work on cover songs together and I'm just the producer and guitar player. So for my own songs, they all come under the umbrella of this record. Monsters of Folk, we get together once every few years, so my records and She & Him records are the most constant sources of record production.

Was there anyone particularly inspiring?

Ward: Steve Shelley springs to mind. I've loved Sonic Youth since I was in high school so it was a dream come true to play songs with him in the studio. He's just an incredible drummer. He has a signature maraca and full drum kit sound that he can do that I've never seen anybody do. And then in England, I worked with a guy named John Parrish, who worked with PJ Harvey — incredible drummer, incredible marimba player.

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Don't stop believin': Doc traces singer's journey to stardom

Journey. Rockers have a new lead singer and an even newer movie

MEREDITH ENGEL
Metro World News

It's been four-and-a-half years since Journey hit YouTube in search of a new lead singer. The band stumbled upon Filipino singer Arnel Pineda and after flying him to the U.S. to hear him audition, knew they had struck gold.

In the new documentary Don't Stop Believin': Everyman's Journey, viewers get a look at Pineda's life before and since achieving stardom. The singer spoke to Metro about his wild ride.

What did you think when you first saw the movie?

Pineda: I can't stand looking at myself in a movie or hearing myself singing. For me, it's too weird. I'm my worst critic. But then, a big part of me is saying, 'Look at the brighter side — this movie is going to inspire and give hope to a lot of people.' It kind of gave me the comfort zone, like, OK, the movie's not bad at all.

When you got the e-mail from guitarist Neal Schon inviting you to audition, you almost didn't take him up on his offer.

Pineda: I (didn't) believe that Neal — he's a guitar god, he's from one of the biggest bands in the world — would contact me to try out for the position of singer. It was the weirdest e-mail of all. But then it was actually him after all.

People always say you sound just like Steve Perry. Do you ever wish you had a voice that was more distinctively your own?

Pineda: Well, you know what, this is what God gave me. I can't change it. It's me who's suffering when I try to change it. So from the moment that I realized that it's not gonna change, I just went with it.

How much of your personality is infused in Journey's songs?

Pineda: I think a lot, now, because if you try to listen very carefully, Mr. Steve Perry's voice is very distinctive. You know it's his voice when you hear it, even from afar, and not mine. So I think I was able to put a new twist on Journey's legacy songs and then the new ones that we recorded together.

Musicians Neal Schon, Jonathan Cain and Arnel Pineda of Journey attend the Don't Stop Believin': Everyman's Journey premiere during the 2012 Tribeca Film Festival in New York on April 19. CRAIG BARRITT/GETTY IMAGES

You talk at length in the film about struggling with addiction. Was that difficult to discuss?

Pineda: No. Those things, which almost destroyed my voice, I'm not uncomfortable talking about. I'm actually comfortable and I am more confident talking about it because I want the young generation to know what drugs can do to you.

But what if it sends the opposite message, since you're now a superstar?

Pineda: No, I'm not a superstar, c'mon. I think we should always be aware of our surroundings and we should really listen to our parents.

And if we truly, truly believe that we are going somewhere because of our talent or because of our dreams, you're gonna get there as long as you believe in yourself. There shouldn't be anything in this world that should stop you.

What do you want viewers to take away from the film?

Pineda: Well, faith. Keep the faith and then never, never, never disregard yourself as a loser, because each and every one of us always wins in the end.

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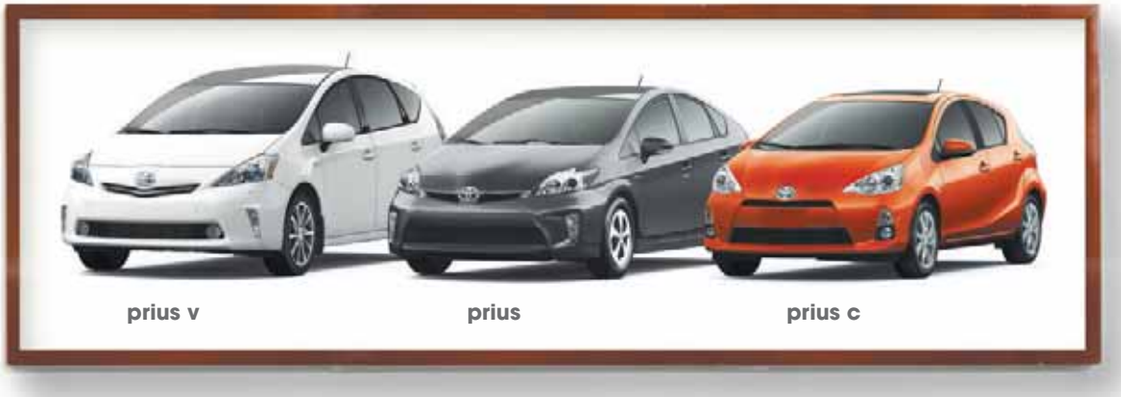

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Reward: $1M for proof Tebow's not a virgin

KRISTIAN DYER
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He completed fewer than 50 per cent of his passes on the field last season, but "dating" website AshleyMadison.com is betting that Jets quarterback Tim Tebow has completed at least one pass off the field.

Tebow, an evangelical Christian and the son of missionaries, has frequently vowed that he is a virgin and waiting for marriage to fully enjoy the benefits of being an NFL quarterback.

But AshleyMadison.com is offering $1 million to women for proof that, per their press release, "Tebow has been using his infamy from this year's football season to get some ladies in the sack."

The website advertises itself as "the world's leading married dating service for discreet encounters."

Passes off the field?

"When you see his affinity for media coverage, whether that is hanging out with Hollywood celebs or posing for paparazzi, I think Tim is going to do anything to keep his fame alive."

Noel Biderman, founder, AshleyMadison.com

"As a former sports attorney I have seen with my own eyes the night-in and night-out temptations that are placed in front of professional athletes. Couple that with having to play on the hottest stage in sports and his limited talents, and I thought: 'Why not challenge his personal notions?' which to me are not aligned with where we are currently within our own society," Noel Biderman, founder of AshleyMadison.com, told Metro New York in an exclusive interview.

Tebow has often made a stir, as much for his unorthodox style of playing quarterback as for his strict adherence to his Christian faith. During the BCS Championship game in 2009, Tebow wrote the Bible verse reference of "John 3:16" on his eye black, which in turn led to more than 90 million Google searches for the passage in the following 24 hours.

At SEC Media Day later that year, Tebow answered a reporter's question about his belief on sex before marriage, acknowledging that he was a virgin and intended to stay that way until his honeymoon.

A request to Tebow's agent Jimmy Sexton for comment was met without a response.

Speaking with Metro New York, Biderman said that in order to qualify for the $1 million incentive, AshleyMadison.com will accept photos, video, DNA or "maybe even a sworn affidavit from the woman's mother."

"When you see his affinity for media coverage, whether that is hanging out with Hollywood celebs or posing for paparazzi, I think Tim is going to do anything to keep his fame alive," Biderman said.

Tim Tebow attends the Tim Tebow Foundation Celebrity Golf Classic Gala at TPC Sawgrass on April 13 in Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida.
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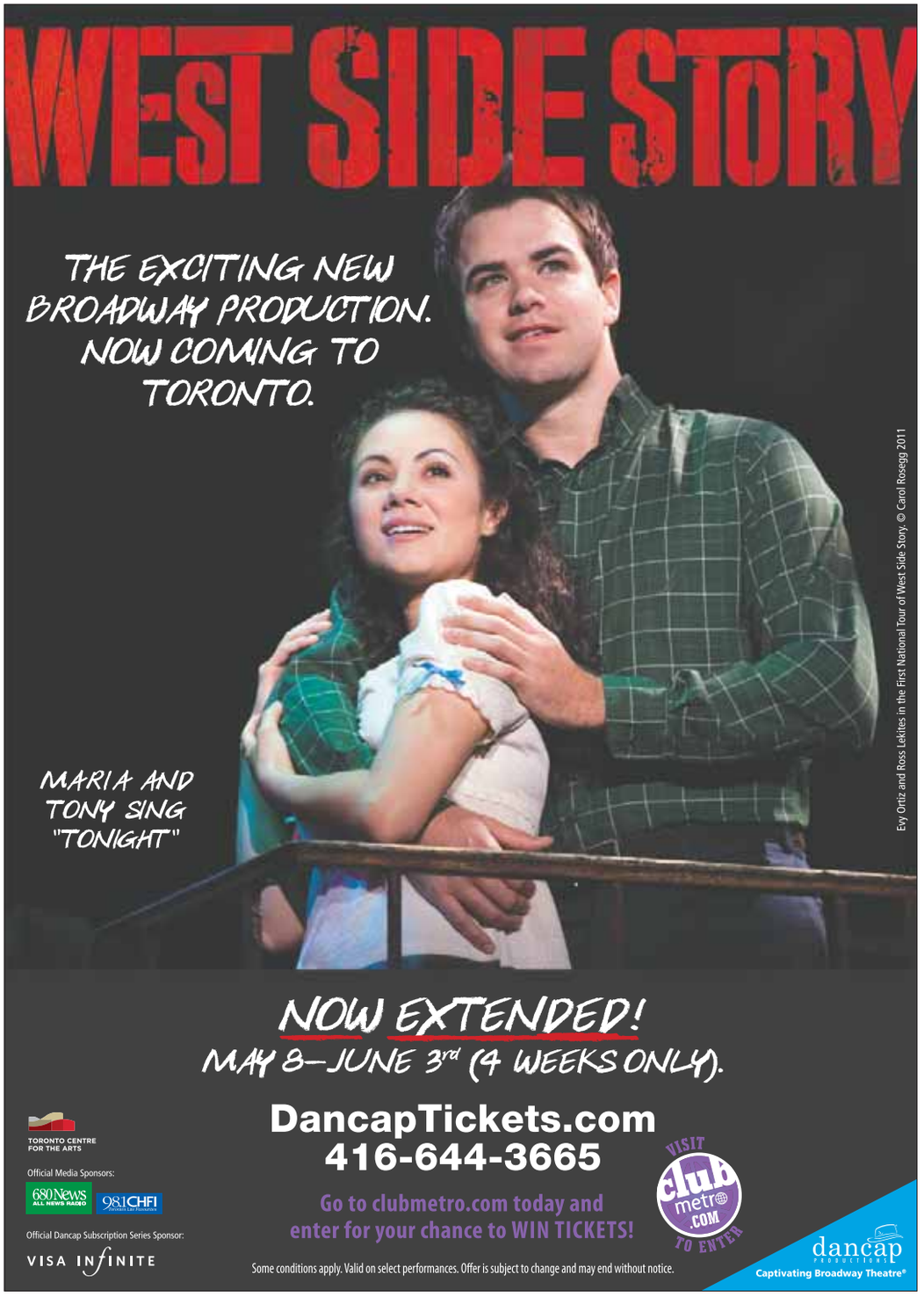
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From the office to the big screen

Q and A. Actress and producer Jenna Fischer says she's more driven than the character she plays in The Giant Mechanical Man

MERIDETH ENGEL
Metro New York

Jenna Fischer can now add producer to her résumé — The Giant Mechanical Man marks the first time she's co-produced a movie and, as she tells it, she was willing to do anything to get it done — even if the jobs weren't all that glamorous. Did we mention that she's also the film's leading lady? Fischer plays Janice, a woman who's unsure about the path she's on as an adult.

We heard you shot this movie in 19 days.

We shot the movie in the dead of winter, in Detroit, in 19 days. It was actually so invigorating and exciting to be part of something that was just so indie, I have to say. And everyone just came together and they were so up for it. Chris (Messina, her co-star) had one day off and on his day off he worked with the crew as a camera assistant. I had a couple mornings off and I would come to set and clean the bathroom. If there's like 50 people all using one restroom it gets messy — you gotta go in there and clean it up, make sure there's hand towels, you know, stuff like that. That was the producing side of me — someone has to do it, right? A producer's list is very long. It includes very important contract negotiations all the way down to toilet paper in the bathroom.

Will you try producing again?

I hope. I actually really enjoyed producing and acting at the same time. It's hard for me, as an actor when I'm on set, to just sit and wait to act. I feel this, like, anticipation to perform. When they light a scene ... it takes an hour and a half and the actor has nothing to do during that time. That's always a time that makes me feel very nervous because I'm just thinking about my lines and my performance, so being able to produce in that hour and a half was such a nice distraction.

Have you ever had an experience like Janice, where you weren't sure about the direction your life was taking?

Of course. I mean, that's at my core. I feel like my personality doesn't really reflect that side of me as much anymore. I'm a very driven person, I think way more driven than, say, Pam (from The Office) or Janice. In middle school I felt very invisible. I had a lot of dreams that I didn't know how to accomplish and I wondered if they would ever come true, and I was very shy. I definitely know what it feels like to live life in the background. I don't know if this is true of everyone, but I feel like who we were in middle school really stays with (us). So I come to these events and I have the hair and the makeup and the jewelry and they put these cute dresses on me, but I feel like the girl who didn't have Guess jeans and an Express shirt, looking at all the other pretty girls wondering if I'll ever have my day in the sun. So I love playing these characters because they feel like me. It feels like dress up to do all the fancy stuff.

Jenna Fischer stars as an unfulfilled adult in The Giant Mechanical Man, currently screening at the Tribeca Film Festival. GETTY IMAGES

Quoted

"In middle school I felt very invisible."
Jenna Fischer

What's coming up on The Office?

The last episode is called Family Portrait Studio, and Jim and I bring our kids in for a family portrait. I don't want to give anything away, but I loved our family portrait so much that I asked for a copy because it's so funny. That's our finale: Dwight sets up a photo studio in the office, and Jim is afraid that it is all an elaborate prank to steal our children.

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Shepherd gets her happy ending

The Client List. The veteran actress finds happiness with a blast of colourful supporting character roles

Cybill Shepherd stars in The Client List. CHRIS PIZZELLO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Cybill Shepherd's role on The Client List is all about happy endings.

After a career as a teen model in the late '60s, she made her transition to film as the muse to boyfriend-director Peter Bogdanovich in his critically beloved The Last Picture Show, and then scored commercial and critical success again in director Elaine May's The Heartbreak Kid and Martin Scorsese's Taxi Driver.

But two ambitious big-screen Bogdanovich disappointments (Daisy Miller and At Long Last Love) were, in part, the reason she retired in the late '70s.

Shepherd returned with two successful TV series, the '80s detective comedy Moonlighting and the '90s sitcom Cybill, the memories of both tarnished by stories of behind-the-scenes strife after Shepherd was snubbed by the Emmys and watched co-stars Bruce Willis and Christine Baranski go home with the gold.

She addressed those issues in her 2000 autobiography, denying behind-the-scenes arguments, but admitting: "The grain of truth is this: Who doesn't want to win an Emmy?"

Since then, the 62-year-old Shepherd has focused on family and work. Despite eternal leading-lady looks she took on a blast of colourful supporting character-actor roles.

She's a regular in Lifetime's The Client List, which last weekend saw its audience grow to 2.9 million viewers, making it the network's second-highest-rated Sunday series, right behind its perennial hit Army Wives. In demographic-focused cable-network terms, it's a breakthrough hit.

In the series, Shepherd portrays the tough-Texas-talkin' Bible-thumpin' mama Linette with the tease-it-to-Jesus-hairdo. Her only child, Jennifer Love Hewitt's Riley, is forced to support her family working as a masseuse — and not the kind her mama thinks.

"As Anne Richards, former governor of Texas said, 'The bigger the hair, the closer to God,'" Shepherd said in a recent interview.

It takes some doing to get Shepherd's shoulder-length golden hair to that high state. "(Linette's hair) has got a life of its own. You learn to do it. I can't do it on myself like that," she said. "But I've had hairdressers, and they just make my hair huge."

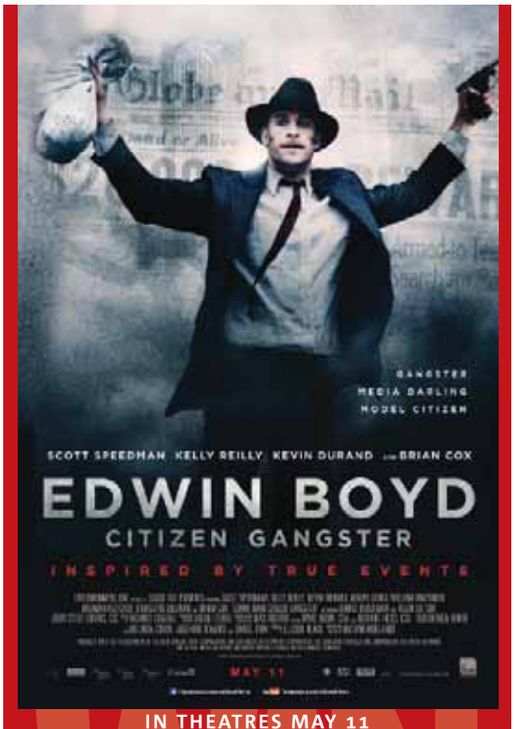
For Shepherd, the Client List role feels a bit like following in the shoes of her mentors. She was just 20 when she did Picture Show, opposite veterans Eileen Brennan, Ellen Burstyn and Cloris Leachman (the latter winning an Oscar for her performance). "And they were all playing these wonderful older characters in their prime. And I feel like this is my chance to do that."

Off screen, the twice-divorced Shepherd is close to her three children, "but I don't have kids at home anymore. I have a 15-year-old cat." And there is a boyfriend. "Mum's the word. We've managed to stay under the radar."

But not as an actress: In addition to Client List, it's likely she'll return to Psych, on which she's made guest appearances, and she just signed to appear as a guest on Hot in Cleveland.

She also said we're likely to see a video of a greatly improved At Long Last Love — the version of the flop that director Bogdanovich intended to release before the studio took it out of his hands.

"I'm very happy," she said. "And I'm going to keep it that way." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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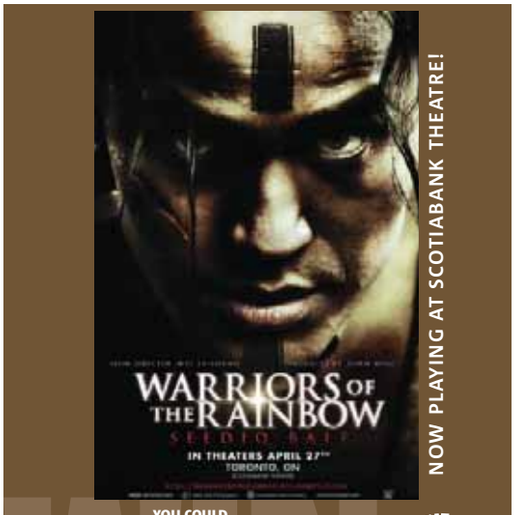

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

Are you a celebrity couple who needs a good reason to send out a press release? But you don't feel like 1) Announcing a pregnancy or 2) Getting a divorce? Then just renew your wedding vows! It's a surefire way to get some attention thrown your way.

First up this weekend? Mariah Carey and Nick Cannon renewed their vows Friday at the Eiffel Tower in Paris. Spokeswoman Cindi Berger said the couple celebrated with an "intimate ceremony after a romantic dinner at the beautiful Jules Verne restaurant." I love how "intimate" these days refers to having a hoard of photographers on the scene — as well as a publicist.

Not to be outdone, LeAnn Rimes and Eddie Cibrian renewed their vows on a romantic trip to Calabasas, Calif., on Friday.

"We renewed our vows today ... it's incredible to thank each other for the past year as husband and wife," Rimes tweeted. "Here's to another great year!"

You know, it's probably bad form to be so cynical. After all, with the way Hollywood marriages last, recognizing any amount of time together without getting divorced should be celebrated.

Why Charlize is still single

Ever wonder why a stunner like Charlize Theron is still single? She (jokingly) blames Tom Hanks and Daryl Hannah (as well as the state of the movie-making industry) for a lack of a wedding ring.

"If I knew that 3D was going to be such a big deal, I would have gotten that boob job 10 years ago," Theron quipped while accepting a Distinguished Decade of Achievement in Film award at CinemaCon last week, according to Us Weekly. She also took a moment to celebrate the power of movies.

"I think we really learn from these stories," she said. "I mean, I learned everything about love watching Splash. That's why I'm still single, so thanks, Tom Hanks and Daryl Hannah for that."

Bieber's comments land him in trouble

Justin Bieber is under fire in Indonesia after some offhand remarks he made about the country, where he recorded a track on his new album.

During an event in London last week, Bieber said the song was recorded in "some random country" where "they didn't know what they were doing." And now folks in Indonesia are striking back: this weekend, North Sumatra teen pop radio station KISS 105 FM banned Bieber's music, according to the Jakarta Post.

"His tone was very condescending and he is just a 19-year-old boy. This is a country with more than 200 million citizens," Kiss FM executive producer Anggi Simanjuntak says, while one of the station's on-air personalities says the ban would be lifted if Bieber "apologized in a sweet manner and promised not to say such things about Indonesia again."

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Cancer survivors

The American Cancer Society is recommending that cancer survivors exercise more and improve their diets to help prevent the disease from coming back.

On Thursday, the society released new guidelines, saying there's now enough evidence to strongly recommend physical activity and better nutrition for survivors. The message: For many cancers, maintaining a healthy weight, exercising and eating a healthy diet can reduce the risk that cancer will return.

At least two other organizations have issued similar advice.

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On the Web

University creates splash in medical world with new surgery simulation centre

Use websites as a tool to foster activities, not as a babysitter, says Krista Swanson of yummymummyclub.ca. ISTOCK

Clicking for little hands

Internet. More websites are being geared to children

DELIA MACPHERSON
Metro News

Are they safe? Are they educational? Do we really want to encourage our kids to hang out in front of a computer screen all day?

Krista Swanson, a blogger for yummymummyclub.ca, says computing for a kid is a new reality.

"We can't say kids 'shouldn't' be on the computer because other kids are," says Swanson, "As long as you know they're safe."

The mother of a five-year-old boy says she stills thinks parents should "limit screen time."

And there really is no "right" amount of time either, says Swanson.

Parents have to know their kids and their kids' limits to determine a healthy amount of time to be in front of a computer, she adds.

It's easy for kids to become obsessed with an activity if they really like it, be it reading, sports or surfing the web, Swanson says

"When they are on the computer, you don't just walk away," says Swanson. "Use it as a tool to build conversations or foster activities. Don't just use it as a babysitter."

One kids' website that meets Swanson's approval is totallyrandom.ca, a new (and Canadian!) site targeting kids aged seven to 11.

"Totally Random introduces kids to editing digital media and safe social networking," says Chelsea O'Connor, the production manager for totallyrandom.ca. "We give the kids challenges on the website so they have a starting point for their creativity."

The site combines television broadcasts hosted by three kids with interactive computer gaming.

Kids create a profile with an avatar name and animation. They have access to a number of creative tools to create and edit artwork, or they can watch Totally Random "episodes" online.

Swanson says totallyrandom.ca is colourful and easy for kids to figure out.

"One of the great things about Totally Random is there's no way for them to accidentally click off the site," says Swanson. "Some of the more 'cheaply done' sites have advertisements that may not apply to kids.

Even if some of the games kids end up playing on the computer are mindless, Swanson says there is educational value in everything. Kids are still practicing motor skills by interacting with the computer and mouse, the same way they might learn those skills from playing board games.

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What's in a popular name?

The buzz surrounding some of pop culture's hottest trends has trickled down to 2012's growing list of hot baby names.

Nameberry analyzed more than three million views of the site's individual name pages so far in 2012, then compared the numbers with this time last year. A handful of names have jumped in status and are on a path to being some of the year's most popular choices on the part of new parents. You'll surely recognize them.

1. Rue — the lovable underdog who met her fate at age 12 in The Hunger Games has succeeded in more than just winning our hearts. We're now naming our babies after her.

2. Emmett and other "-ett" names. "Think of -ett at the newest "it" ending for boys' names," Nameberry says. Let's not forget it's also the name of one of Twilight's sexiest vampires, Emmett Cullen.

3. Ivy. Made famous by the equally famous infant daughter of two of the world's most famous music stars. Beyoncé and Jay-Z's daughter, Blue Ivy Carter, made headlines as soon as she came into this world, both for her unique celebrity name and for the ridiculous way her parents commandeered an entire floor of the maternity ward.

4. Weston, Wesley, and West. The age old debate between the West and East coasts seems to be settled, at least when it comes to baby names. Jenna Fischer from The Office led the trend when she named her son Weston.

5. Adele. A rather old-fashioned name made popular once again with the rise of Grammy award-winning singer Adele. But unlike most of the girls who are named Adele, the starlet vocalist dropped her last name.

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Fritter, fritter, blue cheese eater

This recipe serves six as a starter. THE CANADIAN PRESS HANDOUT

Blue Cheese Fritters. Serve these tasty bites hot with salad and a fruit coulis

A fritter is food, either savoury or sweet, that has been coated in batter and deep-fried.

These blue cheese fritters are best when they're served hot with salad leaves and a fruit coulis.

If you're serving this Blue Cheese Fritters recipe as a main dish, it'll make enough fritters for four people.

1. In a medium pan, add water and butter and bring to a boil; stir in flour, beating well until mixture forms a thick consistency which starts to coat the sides of the pan.

2. Remove from heat and gradually beat in eggs. Let cool until just warm and then add cheeses and seasoning.

3. Heat sufficient oil to allow for deep frying, then drop spoonfuls of batter into hot oil and cook until puffed and golden. Cook up to 4 fritters at a time.

4. Drain the excess oil and serve hot.

Ingredients

- 300 ml (1 1/4 cups) water
- 125 ml plus 15 ml (1/2 cup plus 1 tbsp) butter
- 250 ml (1 cup) all-purpose flour, sifted
- 3 eggs, beaten
- 100 g (3 1/2 oz) mellow blue cheese, roughly chopped
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- Salt and black pepper, to taste
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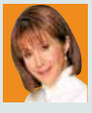

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A sweet way to sustain Africa

Chocolatey charity. Cadbury rallying Canadians to help send bicycles to those who need them most

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Bicycles give students in Ghana better access to schools. Get involved and donate a bike. HANDOUT

A little thing here can make a huge difference somewhere else. That's the simple thought behind The Bicycle Factory, an innovative plan by Cadbury to send bicycles to Africa.

"We rally Canadians to help build bicycles for rural cocoa-growing communities in Ghana," says Aditi Burman, senior promotions manager at Kraft Foods, parent company of Cadbury.

"It's an interactive website — thebicyclefactory.ca — and what people do is they click on Cadbury product icons and turn them into bike parts. Every 100 parts turn into a real bike, until we reach this year's goal of 5,000 bikes."

The idea is to help sustain the farming communities that grow the most essential raw material for Cadbury's chocolate.

"The bikes go to middle-school students who live three-to-ten kilometres away from their school," she explains. "So it actually helps to increase access to education. These students are at the highest risk of dropping out of school, because they live too far away. Cadbury has been very active in Ghana, to help the communities in many different ways."

Often, we think of sustainability in terms of natural resources. Here's a chance to apply that same important principle directly to the future of some bright, clever, curious kids.

"It's a different, deeper level of sustainability. What we ultimately want to do is sustain the livelihood of our cocoa growers. This is another way in which we can do it."

Burman notes that a bicycle means something very different in Ghana than it does here in Canada.

"Canadians think about bikes for fun, fitness and fresh air, and they're great for the environment, of course. Our relation with bikes is really as an alternative to a car. But in places like rural Africa, bikes are actually an alternative to walking. It's a basic mobility issue."

One lucky Bicycle Factory builder will have a chance to experience all this first-hand.

"The grand prize is that someone will actually have the chance to deliver the bicycles in Ghana. There's a lot of fun things going on."

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Success in the sun: Business looks bright for entrepreneur

Quebec to the Caribbean. Pierre Ferland has arrived

THE IN-CREDIBILITY FACTOR
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Pierre Ferland smiles as he walks through his restaurant in St. Maarten, greeting and talking to customers in English and French. He waves to the police chief who has come in for lunch and stops to help a busy waiter.

Pineapple Pete's is an island hotspot.

Born on a farm outside of Quebec City, Pierre started his own business at the age of nine selling fishing worms, and with his savings went on to put himself through university.

With a love for the hospitality industry his travels took him all the way to the Caribbean.

"It was a feeling when I landed. I just loved St. Maarten".

The year was 1996 and today he is the proud owner of five businesses on the island employing over 80 people.

"Self-discipline is the only thing that will get you through.

You also have to learn how to control being homesick so I fly home a lot," he says with a smile.

Ferland also gives back to the island supporting local churches, charities, sports teams, musicians and authors.

"I was helped, so now I give back because I like to see people succeed."

Pierre Ferland is affectionally referred to as Head Pineapple by his St. Maarten staff. PROVIDED

Tricks of the travel

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Pierre Ferland

World wise

On being successful in another country:

- Do your homework and learn about the market, the labour force, work permits and taxes.
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College crisis? Study shows more than half of young graduates in the U.S. now jobless or underemployed

The college class of 2012 may be in for a rude welcome to the world of work.

A weak labour market already has left half of young college graduates either jobless or underemployed in positions that don't fully use their skills and knowledge.

Young adults with bachelor's degrees are increasingly scraping by in lower-wage jobs — waiter or waitress, bartender, retail clerk or receptionist, for example — and that's confounding their hopes a degree would pay off despite higher tuition and mounting student loans.

An analysis of government data conducted for The Associated Press lays bare the highly uneven prospects for holders of bachelor's degrees.

Opportunities for college graduates vary widely.

While there's strong demand in science, education and health fields, arts and humanities flounder. Median wages for those with bachelor's degrees are down from 2000, hit by technological changes that are eliminating mid-level jobs such as bank tellers. Most future job openings are projected to be in lower-skilled positions such as home health aides, who can provide personalized attention as the U.S. population ages.

Feeling it out

"If you're not sure what you're going to be doing, it probably bodes well to take some job, if you can get one, and get a sense first of what you want from college."

Richard Freeman
Harvard economist

Taking underemployment into consideration, the job prospects for bachelor's degree holders fell last year to the lowest level in more than a decade.

Perhaps more than ever, the choices that young adults make earlier in life — level of schooling, academic field and training, where to attend college, how to pay for it — are having long-lasting financial impact.

"You can make more money on average if you go to college, but it's not true for everybody," says Harvard economist Richard Freeman, noting the growing risk of a debt bubble with total U.S. student loan debt surpassing $1 trillion. "If you're not sure what you're going to be doing, it probably bodes well to take some job, if you can get one, and get a sense first of what you want from college."

Andrew Sum, director of the Center for Labor Market Studies at Northeastern University who analyzed the numbers, said many people with a bachelor's degree face a double whammy of rising tuition and poor job outcomes. "Simply put, we're failing kids coming out of college," he said, emphasizing that when it comes to jobs, a college major can make all the difference. "We're going to need a lot better job growth and connections to the labour market, otherwise college debt will grow."

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Schools are starting to think outside the books when it comes to summer

You don't necessarily have to be stuck at a desk this coming summer. D SHARON PRUITT/FLICKR

Brainy on the beach?

Having to learn during the warm summer months is getting slightly easier

JUDY WEIGHTMAN
Metro World News in Philadelphia

Because people have other things they want — or need — to do in summer besides attend class, most schools offer a variety of ways to take summer courses.

"Summer is not part of the traditional school calendar," says Margi Wallace, director of the Center for Summer Learning at Arcadia University in Pennsylvania.

"But there's been a real paradigm shift to going to school year-round. Whether you want to catch up, stay on track or get ahead, taking a summer course may be the answer."

There are a variety of options:

Accelerated classes

Accelerated classes are in-person classes that complete a semester's worth of material in seven weeks, meeting either more days per week or more hours per class.

Most schools offer two or three summer terms.

If you start a course in May, you can be done by the end of June, and still have two months of summer for working or travel.

Hybrid sessions

Hybrid classes combine in-person sessions — usually at the beginning of the term —with online assignments.

If you've never taken an online course, Wallace recommends starting out with a hybrid. "Online requires a lot of discipline, even more so in a seven-week term," he says.

"Hybrid courses offer both convenience and structure."

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SPORTS

NBA

Bulls GM OK with decision to leave Rose in game

Chicago Bulls GM Gar Forman is backing coach Tom Thibodeau, saying he had no problem with the decision to stick with Derrick Rose late in the playoff opener against the Philadelphia 76ers. Forman said Sunday there is "absolutely no issue there," even though the NBA's reigning MVP Rose suffered a season-ending tear of the ACL in his left knee with about 1:20 left in Saturday's 103-91 win.
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On the web

Washington's Alexander Semin, who was stellar in a first-round upset of the Boston Bruins, skated on the fourth line at practice on Sunday after taking some ill-advised penalties in the Capitals Game 1 loss to the New York Rangers. Scan the code for the story.

Doping

Lifetime bans deemed unlawful

A person familiar with the ruling said Sunday that Britain's last attempt to keep former doping offenders off its Olympic teams has failed, with the Court of Arbitration for Sport declaring the lifetime bans unlawful. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NBA

Lakers run the show in Game 1

Kobe Bryant scored 31 points, Andrew Bynum posted the Lakers' first playoff triple-double in 21 years with an NBA post-season record-tying 10 blocked shots, and Los Angeles thoroughly controlled the tempo in a playoff-opening 103-88 victory over the Denver Nuggets on Sunday.
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Kobe Bryant, right, fouls Andre Miller Sunday in Los Angeles.
MARK J. TERRILL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NBA

Parker's offence leads Spurs to win

Tony Parker scored 28 points and the San Antonio Spurs won their first playoff opener in four years, beating the Utah Jazz 106-91 in Game 1 of their first-round series Sunday.
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Tennis

"This is the hardest match I had on clay court this season."

Rafael Nadal, who became the first player in the Open Era to win two tournaments seven times after beating David Ferrer 7-6 (1), 7-5 in Sunday's Barcelona Open final.

Aggressive Jays' offence leaves Mariners in the dust

MLB. Toronto wins two of three games over Seattle on weekend

Sunday's game

7	2
Blue Jays	Mariners

The Jays closed out a weekend series with the Seattle Mariners, and now await their biggest game of the season so far Monday when Yu Darvish and the Texas Rangers come to town.

"Just another ball game," said Jays catcher Jeff Mathis, whose two-run home run capped a five-run eighth Sunday in Toronto's 7-2 victory.

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With ESPN jumping across the border to broadcast the game, Darvish's debut is shaping up to be anything but just another day at the ballpark.

The Jays, meanwhile, need to get down to the business at hand, which is making adjustments to an offence that has counted on Edwin Encarnacion's monster month while hiding subpar efforts from Jose Bautista and other players. There is no panic with Bautista. He is batting .190 with three homers and 10 RBIs, well below his own lofty standards, but the numbers are not unlike the start of the 2010 season when he struggled in April before hitting a league-leading 54 home runs.

Starting pitcher Henderson Alvarez finally got a win Sunday — and some much-deserved run support — and registered his first victory at home in 15 career starts.

Toronto has received at least five innings from its starting pitchers in every game so far this month, an effort which could easily have translated into a better record than 12-10.

Encarnacion belted his second homer in as many games Sunday and easily leads the club with seven homers and 20 RBIs. Mathis smoked a two-run homer in the eighth, an inning which got the Jays fired up after Encarnacion was hit by a pitch by fireballing right-hander Steve Delabar.

"We responded the right way," said Jays manager John Farrell.

In the five-run eighth, Bautista and Encarnacion pulled off a double steal to help set the table for Brett Lawrie. Pinch-hitter Rajai Davis later drew a throw to third, then bounced up and came home with the third run of the inning when a throw hit him and deflected down the left field line.

Davis came out of the game afterwards and went for X-rays on his wrist. The results came back negative, but the speedy outfielder will be re-evaluated Monday.
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Jose Bautista steals third base as Mariners third baseman Kyle Seager tries to make the tag on Sunday in Toronto.
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Different approach

- Several Jays have wrestled recently with their overall approach at the plate, but Edwin Encarnacion and catcher Jeff Mathis are benefiting from recent adjustments.
- The DH is now keeping both hands on the bat in his follow-through. Mathis is opening his shoulder slightly to take a more direct and quick path to the ball.

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Flyers' Briere kicks it into high gear

NHL. Crafty centre's legend in Philadelphia continues to grow after coming through for Flyers in overtime

Danny Briere had two chances to celebrate his overtime winner.

The first time, his goal didn't count.

The second time, Briere left no doubt and put away Game 1, once and for all.

Briere continued to stamp his name alongside Philadelphia's post-season greats, scoring the winning goal 4:36 into overtime, leading the Flyers to a 4-3 win over the New Jersey Devils on Sunday to open this Eastern Conference semifinal series.

"He has his ups and downs, but he just picks it up in the playoffs. And that's what matters," Flyers coach Peter Laviolette said. "He's a guy who consistently gets it done."

Indeed, no Flyer is as clutch in the post-season as Briere.

His second attempt at the winner came minutes after his earlier goal was overturned on review because he kicked the puck into the net. But he wasted no time making up for it, firing a slapper past Martin Brodeur for his seventh goal of the playoffs. Brodeur was screened in front by Philadelphia forward James van Riemsdyk.

"When you look at the replay, it's kind of obvious," Briere said of the reversal. "But I needed to stop pouting and get back my focus in overtime. I ended up getting a break."

Briere, who also scored in the second period, now has 106 points in 104 career post-season games. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Game 1

Flyers	Devils
4	3

Flyers centre Danny Briere celebrates his overtime goal against the Devils on Sunday in Philadelphia. ALEX BRANDON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Between the pipes

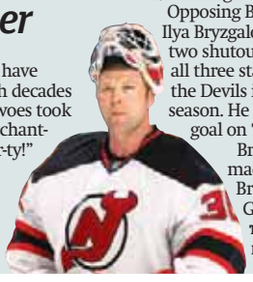
Bryzgalov tops Brodeur in opener

Flyers fans who have suffered through decades of goaltending woes took great delight in chanting "Mar-ty! Mar-ty!" at goaltender Martin Brodeur.

The three-time Stanley Cup champion has faced the Flyers four other times in the post-season, winning two.

Opposing Brodeur was Ilya Bryzgalov, who had two shutouts and won all three starts versus the Devils in the regular season. He allowed one goal on 76 shots.

Bryzgalov made 23 saves to Brodeur's 32 in Game 1. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	14	8	.636	—
Tampa Bay	13	8	.619	½
New York	12	9	.571	1½
Toronto	12	10	.545	2
Boston	10	11	.476	3½

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	11	9	.550	—
Chicago	11	11	.500	1
Detroit	11	11	.500	1
Kansas City	6	15	.286	5½
Minnesota	6	15	.286	5½

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	16	5	.762	—
Oakland	11	12	.478	6
Seattle	11	12	.478	6
Los Angeles	7	15	.318	9½

Yesterday's results
N.Y. Yankees 6, Detroit 2
Cleveland 4, L.A. Angels 0
Toronto 7, Seattle 2
Baltimore 5, Oakland 2
Chicago White Sox 4, Boston 1
Minnesota 7, Kansas City 4
Tampa Bay at Texas
Saturday's results
L.A. Angels 2, Cleveland 1
Kansas City at Minnesota, ppd., rain
Detroit 7, N.Y. Yankees 5
Toronto 7, Seattle 0
Baltimore 10, Oakland 1
Boston 1, Chicago White Sox 0
Texas 7, Tampa Bay 2
Tonight's games
All Times Eastern
Baltimore (Hammel 3-0) at N.Y. Yankees (Kuroda 1-3), 7:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Hochevar 2-1) at Detroit (Below 2-0), 7:05 p.m.
Texas (Darvish 3-0) at Toronto (Drabek 2-1), 7:07 p.m.
Oakland (Milone 3-1) at Boston (Buchholz 2-1), 7:10 p.m.
Seattle (F.Hernandez 2-1) at Tampa Bay (Hellickson 3-0), 7:10 p.m.
Minnesota (Blackburn 0-2) at L.A. Angels (C.Wilson 2-2), 10:05 p.m.

BLUE JAYS 7, MARINERS 2

Seattle	ab	r	h	bi	Toronto	ab	r	h	bi
Figgins lf	4	1	1	1	YEscor ss	5	0	1	0
Ackley 2b	5	0	1	0	KJhnsn 2b	3	0	1	1
Suzuki rf	4	0	0	0	Bautist rf	4	1	1	0
Liddi 1b	4	0	0	0	Lind 1b	4	0	0	0
Seager 3b	4	0	1	0	Encrnc dh	1	2	1	1
MSndrs cf	3	0	1	0	Thams lf	3	0	1	0
Olivo c	4	1	2	1	RDavis ph	0	1	0	0
Jaso dh	3	0	1	0	BFrncs lf	0	0	0	0
Kawsk ss	3	0	1	0	Lawrie 3b	4	1	1	2
Rasms cf	4	1	1	0					
Mathis c	4	1	1	2					
Totals	**34**	**2**	**8**	**2**	**Totals**	**32**	**7**	**8**	**6**

Seattle	**100**	**000**	**001**	**2**
Toronto	**000**	**011**	**05x**	**7**

E—Olivo 2 (3). LOB—Seattle 9, Toronto 6. 2B—Ackley (6), Seager (7), M.Saunders (8), Jaso (1), Y.Escobar (3), Thames (3), Lawrie (1). HR—Figgins (2), Olivo (2), Encarnacion (7), Mathis (2). SB—Olivo (1), Bautista (2), Encarnacion (4). S—Figgins.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Seattle						
Vargas L,3-2	6	4	2	2	3	4
Delabar	1 1-3	2	2	2	0	1
Furbush	2-3	2	3	3	1	1
Toronto						
H.Alvarez W,1-2	6	6	1	1	3	1
E.Crawford H,1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Janssen H,1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Cordero	1	2	1	1	0	1

H.Alvarez pitched to 1 batter in the 7th.
HBP—by Delabar (Encarnacion). WP—Cordero.
Umpires—Home, Vic Carapazza; First, Gerry Davis; Second, Greg Gibson; Third, Manny Gonzalez.
T—2:36. A—22,320 (49,260).

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	14	8	.636	—
Washington	14	8	.636	—
New York	13	9	.591	1
Philadelphia	10	12	.455	4
Miami	8	13	.381	5½

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	14	8	.636	—
Cincinnati	11	11	.500	3
Milwaukee	10	12	.455	4
Pittsburgh	9	12	.429	4½
Chicago	8	14	.364	6
Houston	8	14	.364	6

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	16	6	.727	—
San Francisco	12	10	.545	4
Arizona	11	11	.500	5
Colorado	10	11	.476	5½
San Diego	7	16	.304	9½

Yesterday's results
Arizona 8, Miami 4
Cincinnati 6, Houston 5
Chicago Cubs 5, Philadelphia 1
Atlanta 4, Pittsburgh 3
Milwaukee 3, St. Louis 2
N.Y. Mets 6, Colorado 5, 11 innings
San Francisco 4, San Diego 1
L.A. Dodgers 2, Washington 0
Saturday's results
St. Louis 7, Milwaukee 3
Cincinnati 6, Houston 0
Philadelphia 5, Chicago Cubs 2
Miami 3, Arizona 2
Pittsburgh 4, Atlanta 2
N.Y. Mets 7, Colorado 5
San Francisco 2, San Diego 1
L.A. Dodgers 4, Washington 3, 10 innings
Today's games
All Times Eastern
Arizona (Corbin 0-0) at Miami (Buehrle 1-3), 12:40 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Volstad 0-3) at Philadelphia (Worley 2-1), 7:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Ja.McDonald 0-1) at Atlanta (Minor 2-1), 7:10 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Dickey 3-1) at Houston (Norris 1-1), 8:05 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Harang 1-1) at Colorado (Nicasio 1-0), 8:40 p.m.
Milwaukee (Wolf 1-2) at San Diego (Wieland 0-3), 10:05 p.m.

LACROSSE

NLL

EAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	Pct.	GF	GA	GB
y-Toronto	16	9	7	.563	198	196	-
x-Rochester	16	7	9	.438	191	197	2
x-Philadelphia	16	7	9	.438	176	207	2
x-Buffalo	16	7	9	.438	198	204	2

WEST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	Pct.	GF	GA	GB
y-Calgary	16	12	4	.750	216	170	-
x-Colorado	16	11	5	.688	217	201	1
x-Minnesota	16	9	7	.563	202	190	3
x-Edmonton	16	6	10	.375	167	175	6
Washington	16	4	12	.250	179	204	8

x — clinched playoff berth.
WEEK 17
Saturday's results
Toronto 12 Edmonton 11
Minnesota 16 Colorado 13
Rochester 9 Philadelphia 7
Buffalo 17 Washington 16 (OT)
END OF REGULAR SEASON

NHL

STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS

All Times Eastern

CONFERENCE QUARTER-FINALS
(Best-of-7)

EASTERN CONFERENCE
N.Y. Rangers (1) vs. Washington (7)
(N.Y. Rangers lead series 1-0)
Saturday's result
N.Y. Rangers 3 Washington 1
Tonight's game
Washington at N.Y. Rangers, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, May 2
N.Y. Rangers at Washington, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, May 5
N.Y. Rangers at Washington, 12:30 p.m.
Monday, May 7
x-Washington at N.Y. Rangers, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, May 9
x-N.Y. Rangers at Washington, TBA
Saturday, May 12
x-Washington at N.Y. Rangers, TBA
Philadelphia (5) vs. New Jersey (6)
(Philadelphia leads series 1-0)
Yesterday's result
Philadelphia 4 New Jersey 3 (OT)
Tomorrow's game
New Jersey at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday's game
Philadelphia at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, May 6
Philadelphia at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, May 8
x-New Jersey at Philadelphia, TBA
Thursday, May 10
x-Philadelphia at New Jersey, TBA
Saturday, May 12
x-New Jersey at Philadelphia, TBA

WESTERN CONFERENCE
St. Louis (2) vs. Los Angeles (8)
(Los Angeles leads series 1-0)
Saturday's result
Los Angeles 3 St. Louis 1
Tonight's game
Los Angeles at St. Louis, 9 p.m.
Thursday's game
St. Louis at Los Angeles, 10 p.m.
Sunday, May 6
St. Louis at Los Angeles, 3 p.m.
Tuesday, May 8
x-Los Angeles at St. Louis, TBA
Thursday, May 10
x-St. Louis at Los Angeles, TBA
Saturday, May 12
x-Los Angeles at St. Louis, TBA
Phoenix (3) vs. Nashville (4)
(Phoenix leads series 1-0)
Last night's result
Nashville at Phoenix
Friday's result
Phoenix 4 Nashville 3 (OT)
Wednesday's game
Phoenix at Nashville, 9 p.m.
Friday, May 4
Phoenix at Nashville, 7:30 p.m.
Monday, May 7
x-Nashville at Phoenix, 10 p.m.
Wednesday, May 9
x-Phoenix at Nashville, TBA
Friday, May 11
x-Nashville at Phoenix, TBA
x — If necessary.

FLYERS 4, DEVILS 3 (OT)
First Period
1. New Jersey, Parise 3 (Elias) 3:16
Penalties — Voracek Pha (slashing) 3:57, Salvador NJ (roughing) 10:18, Zidlicky NJ (hooking) 16:44.
Second Period
2. Philadelphia, Briere 6 (Voracek) 8:07
3. Philadelphia, van Riemsdyk 1 (Gustafsson) 8:44
4. New Jersey, Zajac 4 (Parise, Kovalchuk) 13:53 (pp)
Penalties — Wellwood Pha (tripping) 9:31, Elias NJ (tripping) 11:40, Carle Pha (hooking) 13:22.
Third Period
5. Philadelphia, Giroux 7 (Timonen, Hartnell) 4:19 (pp)
6. New Jersey, Sykora 1 (Clarkson) 11:22
Penalties — Greene NJ (hooking) 3:50, Sykora NJ (holding) 5:26.
First Overtime
7. Philadelphia, Briere 7 (Voracek, Carle) 4:36
Penalty — Zidlicky NJ (delay of game) 0:30.
Shots on goal by

New Jersey	15	3	4	4—26
Philadelphia	6	8	15	7—36

Goal — New Jersey: Brodeur (L,4-3-0); Philadelphia: Bryzgalov (W,5-2-0). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — New Jersey: 1-3; Philadelphia: 1-6.
Attendance — 19,972 (19,537).

SATURDAY

KINGS 3, BLUES 1
First Period
1. St. Louis, Backes 2 (Perron, Pietrangelo) 9:16
2. Los Angeles, Voynov 1 (Penner, Richards) 16:58
Penalties — Richards LA (cross-checking) 0:50, Perron StL (goaltender interference) 17:39.
Second Period
3. Los Angeles, Greene 1 (Brown) 18:57 (sh)
Penalties — Greene LA (holding) 14:02, King LA (boarding) 18:47.
Third Period
4. Los Angeles, Penner 2 (Scuderi) 19:45 (en)
Penalties — Perron StL (high-sticking) 3:42, Oshie StL (double high-sticking) 6:23, Shattenkirk StL (delay of game) 10:29, Crombeen StL (misconduct) 19:53.
Shots on goal by

Los Angeles	11	9	9	29
St. Louis	13	8	8	29

Goal — Los Angeles: Quick (W,5-1-0); St. Louis: Elliott (L,3-1-0). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Los Angeles: 0-5; St. Louis: 0-3.
Attendance — 19,391 (19,150).

RANGERS 3, CAPITALS 1
First Period
No Scoring.
Penalties — Rupp NYR (goaltender interference) 3:23, Semin Wash (slashing) 3:50, Staal NYR (interference) 12:16, Ovechkin Wash (tripping) 17:54.
Second Period
1. N.Y. Rangers, Anisimov 1 (Fedotenko, McDonagh) 12:38
2. Washington, Chimera 2 (Laich) 19:56
Penalties — Staal NYR (holding) 6:26, Prust NYR (boarding) 7:53.
Third Period
3. N.Y. Rangers, Kreider 2 (Stepan) 7:00
4. N.Y. Rangers, Richards 3 (Kreider, Gaborik) 8:30
Penalties — Semin Wash (tripping) 2:12, Washington bench (too many men; served by Ovechkin) 12:20.
Shots on goal by

Washington	6	7	5	18
N.Y. Rangers	4	4	6	14

Goal — Washington: Holtby (L,4-4-0); N.Y. Rangers: Lundqvist (W,5-3-0).
Power plays (goals-chances) — Washington: 0-4; N.Y. Rangers: 0-4.
Attendance — 18,200 (18,200).

NBA

PLAYOFF

All Times EDT
(x-if necessary)

FIRST ROUND
(Best-of-7)
Yesterday's results
San Antonio 106, Utah 91
San Antonio leads series 1-0
L.A. Lakers 103, Denver 88
L.A. Lakers lead series 1-0
Atlanta 83 Boston 74
Atlanta lead series 1-0
L.A. Clippers at Memphis
Saturday's results
Chicago 103, Philadelphia 91
Chicago leads series 1-0
Miami 100, New York 67
Miami leads series 1-0
Orlando 81, Indiana 77
Orlando leads series 1-0
Oklahoma City 99, Dallas 98
Oklahoma City leads series 1-0
Tonight's games
New York at Miami, 7 p.m.
Orlando at Indiana, 7:30 p.m.
Dallas at Oklahoma City, 9:30 p.m.
Tomorrow's game
Boston at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Denver at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

GOLF

PGA ZURICH CLASSIC OF NEW ORLEANS
At Avondale, La.
Final

x-Jason Dufner, $1,152,000	67-65-67-70-269
Ernie Els, $691,200	66-68-68-67-269
Luke Donald, $435,200	73-65-66-67-271
Graham DeLaet, $281,600	**68-67-66-71-272**
Ryan Palmer, $281,600	72-67-64-69-272
Steve Stricker, $230,400	66-68-69-70-273
Ken Duke, $199,467	65-68-71-70-274
Cameron Tringale, $199,467	65-70-68-71-274
John Rollins, $199,467	67-66-69-72-274
Rickie Fowler, $160,000	71-65-69-70-275
David Mathis, $160,000	72-69-69-65-275
Justin Rose, $160,000	72-67-68-68-275
Jonas Blixt, $116,480	68-70-71-67-276
Ben Curtis, $116,480	67-70-68-71-276
J.B. Holmes, $116,480	71-67-68-70-276
Scott Piercy, $116,480	72-66-69-69-276
Webb Simpson, $116,480	68-72-67-69-276
Alex Cejka, $80,640	70-69-67-71-277
Brendon de Jonge, $80,640	73-69-69-66-277
Jeff Overton, $80,640	72-67-73-65-277
Also	
David Hearn, $51,840	**68-73-68-69-278**

LPGA MOBILE BAY CLASSIC
At Mobile, Ala.
Final

Stacy Lewis, $187,500	68-67-67-69—271
Lexi Thompson, $114,347	70-71-66-65—272
Karine Icher, $82,951	72-65-68-68—273
Azahara Munoz, $44,887	69-69-70-68—276
So Yeon Ryu, $44,887	69-67-72-68—276
Karrie Webb, $44,887	73-70-64-69—276
Sun Young Yoo, $44,887	68-69-69-70—276
Brittany Lincicome, $44,887	70-67-67-72—276
Hee Young Park, $25,563	70-70-71-66—277
Natalie Gulbis, $25,563	69-70-68-70—277
Also	
Lorie Kane, $4,767	**72-71-74-69—286**
Stephanie Sherlock, $2,629	**75-69-75-72—291**
Jessica Shepley, $2,365	**74-70-75-75—294**

TENNIS

BARCELONA OPEN
At Barcelona, Spain
Final
Rafael Nadal (1), Spain, def. David Ferrer (3), Spain, 7-6 (1), 7-5.

HOCKEY

TELUS CUP

CANADIAN MEN'S MIDGET CHAMPIONSHIP
At Leduc, Alta.
Yesterday's results
Third Place
Saskatoon 3 Leduc 2
Championship
Red Deer 6 Esther-Blondin 5 (2OT)

ESSO CUP

CANADIAN WOMEN'S MIDGET CHAMPIONSHIP
At Charlottetown

Saturday's results
Third Place
Edmonton 4 Halifax 1
Championship
Pembina Valley 4 Thunder Bay 2

SOCCER

MLS

Saturday's results
Montreal 2, Portland 0
New York 1, New England 0
San Jose 2, Philadelphia 1
D.C. United 3, Houston 2
Vancouver 1, Columbus 0
Seattle FC 2, Chicago 1
Real Salt Lake 3, Toronto FC 2
Colorado 4, Chivas USA 0
Los Angeles 1, FC Dallas 1, tie

ENGLAND

PREMIER LEAGUE
Yesterday's results
Chelsea 6 Queens Park Rangers 1
Tottenham 2 Blackburn 0

FRANCE

LIGUE 1
Yesterday's results
Auxerre 4 Brest 0
Nancy 1 Caen 1
Rennes 3 Ajaccio 1
Saint-Etienne 1 Dijon 0
Sochaux 0 Bordeaux 3
Valenciennes 2 Nice 0
Lille 2 Paris Saint-Germain 1

ITALY

Yesterday's results
Bologna 3 Genoa 2
Atalanta 2 Fiorentina 0
Inter Milan 2 Cesena 1
Lecce 1 Parma 2
Novara 0 Juventus 4
Siena 1 AC Milan 4
Udinese 2 Lazio 0

PORTUGAL

Yesterday's results
Leiria 0 Feirense 4
Setubal 0 Nacional 3
Beira Mar 2 Pacos de Ferreira 0
Rio Ave 2 Benfica 2

SCOTLAND

PREMIER LEAGUE
Yesterday's results
Celtic 3 Rangers 0
St. Mirren 1 Hibernian 0

SPAIN

LA LIGA
Yesterday's results
Real Madrid 3 Sevilla 0
Zaragoza 2 Athletic Bilbao 0
Malaga 1 Valencia 0
Real Betis 2 Atletico Madrid 2
Rayo Vallecano 0 Barcelona 7

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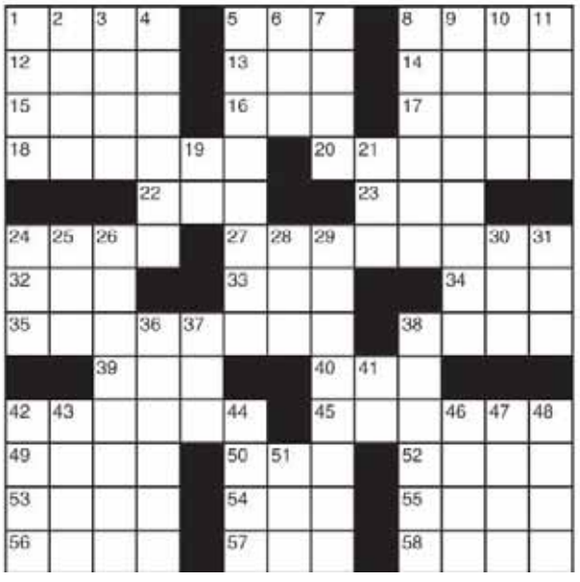
Across

1 Radio's Limbaugh
5 Tackle moguls
8 Scratches (out)
12 Sweet sandwich
13 Stashed
14 Wield the shears
15 Poi base
16 Praise in verse
17 Dagwood's boss's wife
18 Reverend, e.g.
20 Long-legged shorebird
22 Request
23 Annoy
24 Youngest
27 List-condensing phrase
32 Web address
33 Kind of pron.
34 Operated
35 "She — Conquer"
38 "SportsCenter" channel
39 IRS worker
40 Western st.
42 Dervishes
45 Jacks
49 Cruising
50 Idolater's emotion
52 Up to
53 Gossip
54 Supporting
55 Otherwise
56 Relaxation
57 USNA grad
58 Out of play

Down

1 Coll. mil. org.
2 Caspian Sea feeder
3 Withered
4 "Yippee!"
5 Lurid novels
6 Tease
7 Concept
8 Date, e.g.
9 Door hardware
10 Green land
11 Lovers' quarrel
19 "— not!"
21 Compete
24 Clear the tables
25 Illustrations
26 Ball-carrier's allies
28 Asian holiday
29 1995 Harvey Keitel movie
30 Eminem's genre
31 Raggedy one?
36 Narcotic
37 Standard
38 On cloud nine
41 Indefinite article
42 Disappear gradually
43 Actress Argento
44 Out of harm's way
46 Gross
47 Couturier Schiaparelli
48 Coaster
51 Took the trophy



Sudoku

	4				2	1	9	
		8					3	5
				8		2		4
			9	6				7
	7						1	
2				1	3			
7		6		5				
4	9					3		
	3	5	6				7	

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Friday's Sudoku

Friday's Crossword

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Y T M I J Q S M Y Z P Y Z E
Y Z B S Q F R J Z S P J Q J E J I V M Q J E
D T T - V Y R Y S B . P D F V E Y S
L J T D Q L Y E E J Z T V F S J ?

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Taurus | April 21 - May 21. Sometimes it's hard to know who to trust, especially when different people give you vastly conflicting advice.

Gemini | May 22 - June 20. You will rise to whatever challenges fate sends your way.

Cancer | June 21 - July 22. Listen to what other people tell you today, even if – especially if – it's not something you are happy to hear.

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Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22. It may seem as if someone in authority is giving you a hard time for no good reason but from their point of view they have every reason to be annoyed.

Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22. Promise yourself that you will not get involved in any kind of argument or dispute today.

Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21. Are you thinking with your heart or are you thinking with your head?

Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21. If a partnership is not working out the way you hoped, maybe you have been expecting too much of it.

Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan 20. It might be best to keep certain thoughts to yourself, especially if they are the kind of thoughts that could get you into trouble with the powers that be!

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